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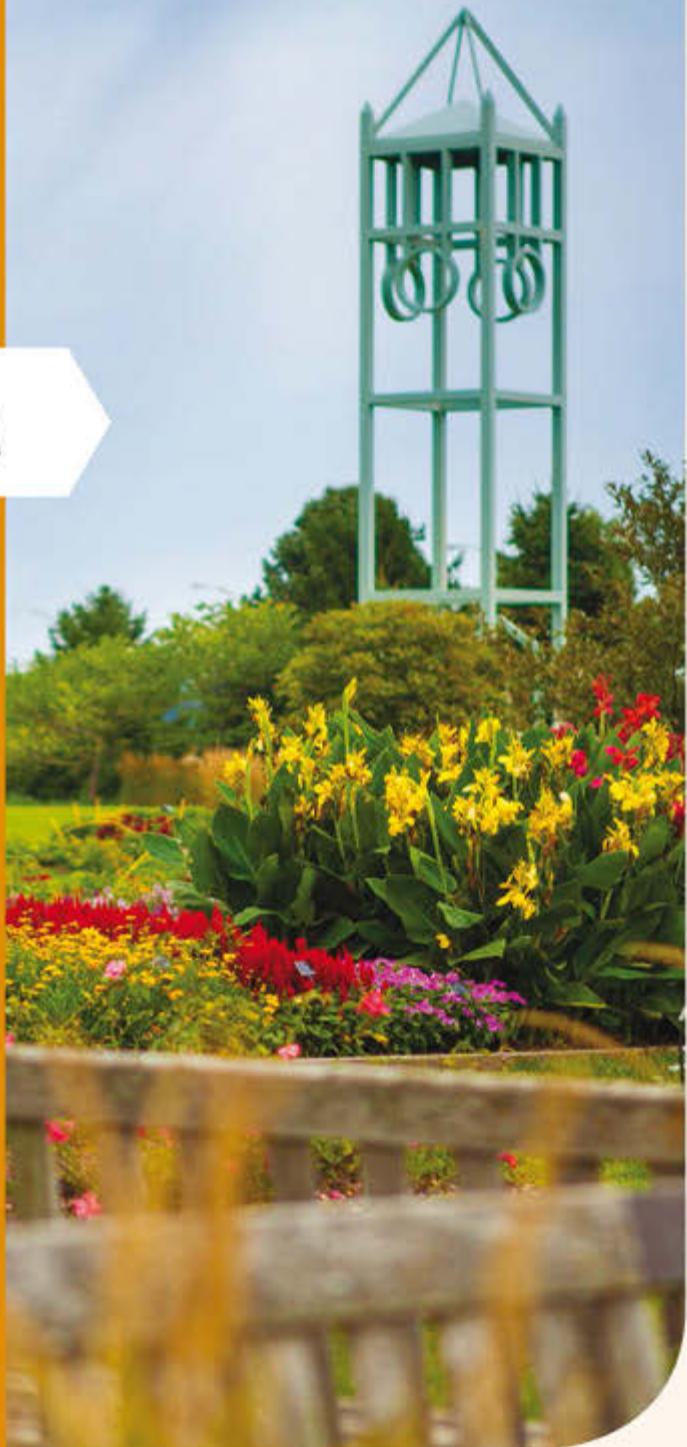
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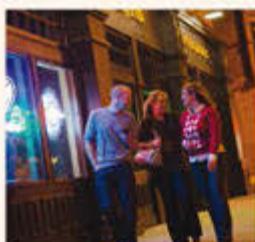
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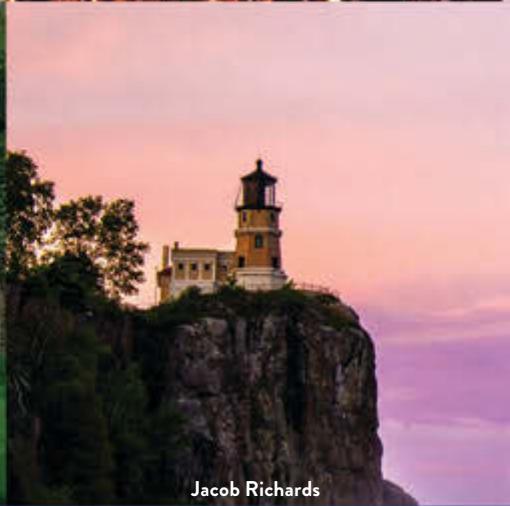
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This Midwest Life

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



The vocal hollyhocks
in my backyard.

The back lot storytellers

WHEN THE FLOWERS OPEN THEIR MOUTHS,

I hear the century past. An Iowa midsummer at the family farm. A distant machine and long-ago voices beneath a low, smothering heat. I hear picnics on quilts beside the cottonwood grove. "They" are hollyhocks, and they are the oldest storytellers in my garden.

Knowing their roots evokes such connections. But despite their nostalgic force, they came to me quite simply: a scatter of pebbly black seeds ratty and dry in a torn paper envelope.

"From the Philby farm," Dad said. Thus, the ancestry was passed on. They rooted in my yard with a swagger of heritage amid many fresh faces.

This cross-pollination of old and new appeals to us, and it happens indoors, too. The Dickersons show on page 23 how they drew a new lifestyle into an 1890s Nebraska farmhouse. On

page 52, we play with new expressions for vintage florals. And Hattie Purtell's Wisconsin landscape (page 64) reveals how fresh plantings and happy ancient earth meld into a beautiful circle of life.

My yard is too new to showcase a full circle of life like Hattie's. I'm still working on a half loop. But it's coming along. A swamp oak grows so quietly and steadfastly that I've just noticed it's old enough to cast a five-o'clock shadow. It is growing up! And I am proud.

There are the daisies—gorgeous—and the rabbit tunnels—egregious.

And there's the rhubarb, scoffing, big-leaved and sprawled as though on a recliner. No matter how many times I moved it, it thrived. Now it lounges by my mulch bin, big as a shrub in leaves and attitude, attracting all the neighbors with sweet dreams of jam.

Some plants I don't remember planting. (If that's a weed, for instance, I will know when it blooms.) Some, like the expensive tender-fronded low-lying one selected as a keystone near the pond, promptly curled up and died before we even exchanged names.

But I always come back to the hollyhocks. They anchor my efforts. Blooms climb the sturdy spine like a time line, lower ones spent and petaled back to soil, middle ones lush, top ones yet to be. Mine grow errantly by my pergola, as if they've wagged out to where they prefer. Amid all the other foliage of now and what's to be, they cluster anew for a chat. Because the real beauty is that there are more stories, always.



Greg Philby

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VOL. 3 COLLABORATION

Ensuring a sustainable future, where a balanced meal is accessible to everyone, is a goal that requires ongoing collaboration. That's why so many of today's experts in agriculture, science, education, conservation and philanthropy and many others are partnering – and making progress in a number of important areas.

Working together today, for a better tomorrow:

1 Organizations from the private and public sectors are working together to address the challenges of feeding a growing population. The goal? To collaborate on developing solutions for soil health, water conservation, deforestation, honey bee health and many other key issues.



2 Widespread research and education efforts are helping cultivate today's crops and tomorrow's scientists. One collaborative initiative plans to study, measure and identify ways to improve soil health, so farmers can implement sustainable practices such as planting cover crops (like grasses and legumes – which are planted but not harvested – keeping more roots, residue and organic matter in the soil to help it stay fertile).

3 Organizations, farmers, researchers and many others are collaborating to develop new tools to help farmers have better harvests. Some successes: crops that can grow in drought conditions and new precision agriculture tools to help farmers make the best decisions throughout the growing season while using resources more efficiently.

Food for thought:



The estimated percentage that food production needs to increase by 2050 to feed a growing population, which is why so many organizations are collaborating to help make balanced meals more accessible.



Over 200 universities worldwide offer degrees in advanced agricultural sciences, cultivating the experts of tomorrow.

By 2050, it's estimated that agricultural technologies could increase crop output by

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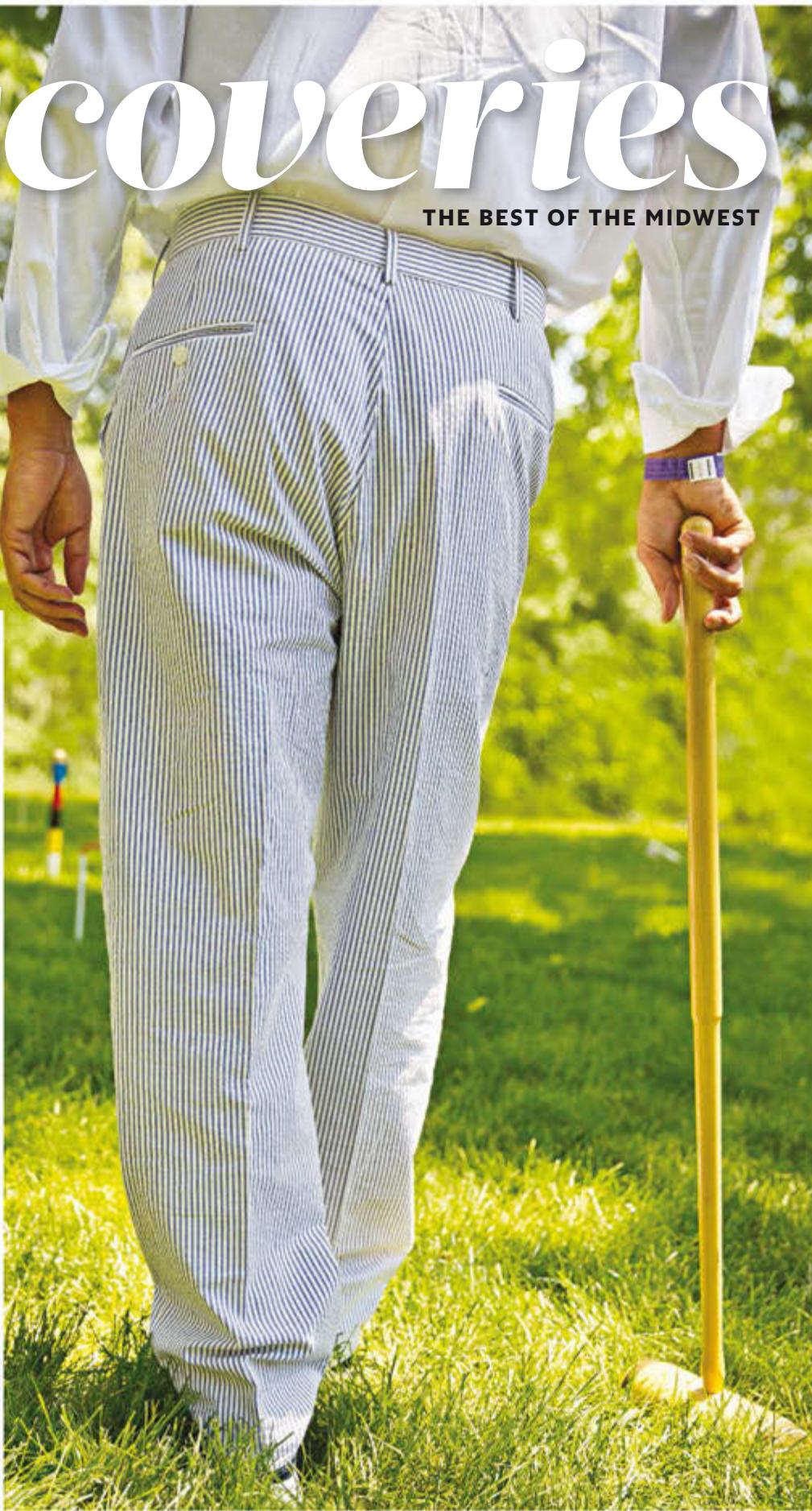
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You don't have to know a wicket from a roquet to get into the playful spirit of the Wicket World of Croquet tourney, held at the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site in Indianapolis (May 30 this year). Teams of two, dressed in their most dapper whites, take to the Italianate mansion's leafy front lawn for a rousing round of ball-smacking fun. Groups arrive early to practice their stymie (situating your ball to block your opponent's path) and enjoy crepes and craft brews. The competition begins in earnest at 2 p.m. and lasts until the tournament winner is decided—and the best-dressed team is crowned. The \$140-per-pair entrance fee includes lunch and drinks, and proceeds fund the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site's educational programs (317/631-1888; president benjaminharrison.org).

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SOFT GRASS AND THE THWACK
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Follow your nose to one of these noteworthy Midwest gardens for dazzling rose displays and heaps of planting inspiration.

Rose Garden AT OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS, MADISON, WISCONSIN A more casual, prairie-style garden blends roses with perennials, ornamental grasses, shrubs, trees and annuals. Climb the two-story Rose Garden Tower for overviews (608/246-4550; olbrich.org).

Krasberg Rose Garden AT THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS A rose-shape fountain bubbles amid 5,000-plus Midwest-friendly roses. Gardeners will find many ideas for planting companions (847/835-5440; chicagobotanic.org).

Reiman Gardens AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, AMES, IOWA Iowa State's Griffith Buck was a pioneer in breeding carefree, cold-tolerant roses. The low-maintenance formal garden features dozens of his varieties, plus perennial pairing ideas (515/294-2710; reimangardens.iastate.edu).

Park of Roses IN WHETSTONE PARK, COLUMBUS, OHIO More than 12,000 roses carpet one of the country's largest public rose gardens. The 13-acre park includes an Italianate rose garden, a heritage garden and an Earth-Kind garden with easy-care varieties (614/645-3391; parkofroses.org).

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EDITOR'S PICK

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- 1 Brie, strawberries, basil
- 2 Mayonnaise, hard-boiled egg, chives, bacon
- 3 Pimento cheese, green olives
- 4 Hummus, roasted red sweet pepper, mint
- 5 Boursin cheese, cucumber, lemon zest
- 6 Cream cheese, smoked salmon, red onion, capers
- 7 Apples, mixed blue cheese and cream cheese, pecans
- 8 Mixed cream cheese and horseradish, roast beef, cherry tomatoes
- 9 Butter, radish, cracked black pepper
- 10 Pound cake, lemon curd, raspberries

We made most of our savory sandwiches on mini party bread, found in the cracker aisle. You can also trim crusts and cut shapes from thin sandwich bread.



PETS

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HOT LIST

A quick peek at what's on our calendars

Bell of the ball

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TRANQUIL OASIS

The Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Garden Opening June 13 Grand Rapids, Michigan Soak up the serenity of a Japanese teahouse, Zen-style garden and four waterfalls at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. Also check out the park's new installation by renowned Chinese sculptor Ai Weiwei: a 22-foot-tall tree composed of 99 iron pieces (888/957-1580; mijergardens.org).



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TRAVEL HONEY ON TAP

Just when you got used to craft brews, a new artisanal drink shows up. Well, an old one. Mead, a rich honey-based wine, appears in *Beowulf* and the writings of Aristotle—and now in tasting rooms across the Midwest.

New Day Craft

INDIANAPOLIS (Below) Browse local art while sipping on ReThinker, a tart, dry-hopped blueberry mead, or Gold Rush, a bubbly dry cider akin to sparkling wine (888/632-3379; newdaycraft.com).

White Winter Winery

IRON RIVER, WISCONSIN In a wood-beamed, up-north tasting room, sample crisp Dry Mead or tummy-warming Cyser, made with fresh-pressed apple cider and honey (800/697-2006; whitetwinter.com).

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lens crafter

Art Meets News: The Work of Photojournalist Bill Foley Through July 19 Indianapolis The name may not ring a bell, but Pulitzer-winner Foley's photos—like the last shot of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat alive—are incredible. See more than 100 stunning captures from a 40-year career at the Indiana State Museum (317/232-1637; indianamuseum.org).



HAVE A BALL!

NCAA Men's College World Series June 12–24 Omaha Eight Division I college baseball teams compete for the national title at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha. Be sure to check out the free daily Fan Fest in the stadium parking lot, or take in opening day's free concert and fireworks along the Missouri River (402/554-4404; cwsomaha.com). **For more events, see page 92.**

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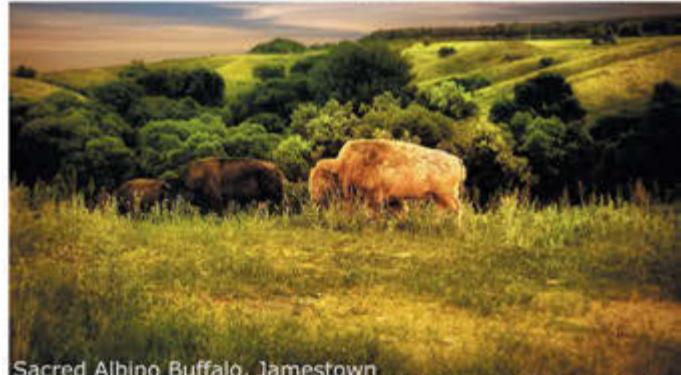
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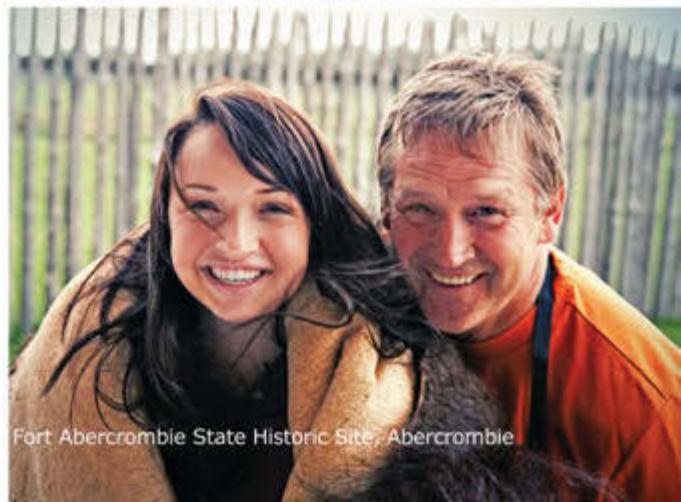
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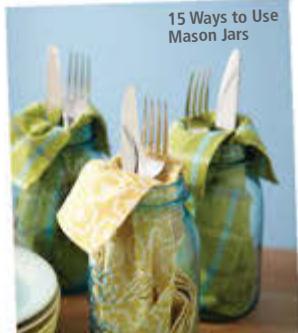
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DESIGN INSPIRATION IN THE MIDWEST



Details We Love

Modern dining chairs contrast a salvaged bench and a farm table made by homeowner Eugene Dickerson. His wife, Andrea, pulls the styles together by sticking to a tight color palette.



SHOW AND STORE

Elegant white ironstone and other vintage dishes act like art in the dining room. "There's no point in collecting if I have to put it all in a closet," homeowner Andrea Dickerson says. To expand display space, she and her husband built shelves (17 inches tall and 13 inches deep) to fit their collectibles.

COUNTRY CLEVER

Renew
with
the old!

Gallons of paint and bargain furniture revive a Nebraska farmhouse, while creative displays of vintage finds add a splash of timeworn character.

WRITER Sara Diekelmann

PHOTOGRAPHER Jay Wilde

PRODUCER Tara Okerstrom-Bauer

HOME COUNTRY

A RAGGED PICTURE OF A FARMHOUSE hung on the refrigerator in Andrea Dickerson's suburban California home for five years before the avid collector and her family finally moved to an 1890 farmhouse in Nebraska. "I'd always dreamed of living in an old farmhouse," Andrea says. "I like their charm and the fact that so many people have lived there through the years." DIYers Andrea and her husband, Eugene, preserved the home's character but painted trimwork, walls and cabinetry white to make tiny rooms feel light and open. Flea-market bargains, like salvaged demijohns and wire trivets, star as accessories and art. **For buying guide, see page 102.**



A weathered windmill tail propped against the porch wall becomes uncommon art.

VINTAGE VISION OPPOSITE BOTTOM

On the wraparound porch, a painted farm table and wire chairs with new cushions echo the interior. **BELOW** The kitchen's original dark wood cabinets made the 10x12-foot room feel even more cramped. "I couldn't bring myself to tear them out, so I painted them all white," Andrea says. "That helped open up the space," as did removing doors from upper cabinets flanking the window. A 39x19-inch island conceals recycling and trash cans on the sink side. A new apron-front sink, modern faucet and butcher-block counter meld with the country character.

HANGING KIDS' ART

from clothespins makes it easy to switch out.



Details We Love

A dresser scored for \$50 gains new life as a bathroom vanity. The Dickersons cut a hole in top for the sink and in back for plumbing. Enamel paint for wood and metal protects the dresser from moisture.



A WOODEN DRYING RACK

on the wall and a large spool of twine serve as photo holders.



66 I LIKE INCORPORATING OLD ITEMS. THEY BRING A WARMTH AND COZINESS TO A HOUSE. HOMEOWNER ANDREA DICKERSON

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RENEW FURNITURE
Country Grey, Chalk Paint by Annie Sloan (504/309-4454; anniesloan.com).

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ACCENT ROOMS
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PAINT PALETTE
Flea-market furniture, vintage ticking-stripe bedding and creamy ironstone prompt a warm, comfortable color scheme.

LIGHTEN WALLS
SW6385 Dover White, Sherwin-Williams (800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com).

STEPS OF STYLE
Inspired by a vintage European grain sack, DIYer Andrea Dickerson removed old carpeting and painted a striped "runner" on stairs for only \$20 in materials. Applying painter's tape guaranteed crisp lines.

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CABINETRY COVERAGE We can vouch for Waterborne Satin Impervo from Benjamin Moore. Kitchen cabinets will still look freshly painted in 10-plus years. \$72.99 per gallon (855/724-6802; benjaminmoore.com).

RUSTIC REVIVAL

New products pull from country-style classics.

1 Pitcher reproduction

The shapely Sockerärt pitcher mirrors old-school French enamelware. Available in three sizes, from \$9.99. Ikea (ikea.com).

2 Striping on the chair

European grain sacks influenced the statement stripes on the Rana club chair, \$1,113. Bliss Home and Design (866/312-5610; blisshomeanddesign.com).

3 Shades of a sink

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BABY CAKES

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RECIPES *Jill Moberly* PHOTOGRAPHER *Blaine Moats*



Pint-Size Grasshopper Icebox Cake

A fluffy, summery, make-ahead dessert with just four ingredients? Sold.

HANDS ON 20 minutes

TOTAL 20 minutes, plus 24 hours to chill

19 mint-filled or cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies, divided
1½ cups whipping cream
3 tablespoons crème de menthe (or 1 teaspoon mint extract and a few drops green food coloring)
1 tablespoon sugar

1. Lightly grease a 6-inch springform pan. Line pan with two pieces of overlapping plastic wrap, allowing excess to hang over edges. Quarter 15 of the cookies; set aside.

2. Beat the cream, crème de menthe and sugar on medium speed until cream holds firm peaks (tips stand straight when beaters are lifted).

3. Spoon a third of the mixture into prepared pan. Tap pan firmly on counter to eliminate air bubbles. Evenly top with 1 cup of the quartered cookies. Repeat layers, finishing with cream. Smooth with a spatula, pressing gently to fill gaps between cookies. Tap on counter again.

4. Cover cake with the excess plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 24 hours, preferably 2 days.

To serve, peel plastic from top and gently tug to loosen cake from side of pan. Invert cake on a plate, remove pan and gently peel off plastic. Coarsely crumble remaining cookies to garnish cake. Slice with a warm serrated knife.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving:

342 cal, 25 g fat,
62 mg chol,
152 mg sodium,
28 g carbo,
1 g fiber, 1g pro.

Mini Peach Melba Ice Cream Cake

Crystallized ginger adds unexpected zip to frosty peaches, raspberries and ice cream.

HANDS ON 25 minutes

TOTAL 1 hour 30 minutes, plus 4 hours to chill

**1½ cups shortbread cookie crumbs
3 tablespoons butter, melted
3 cups vanilla bean ice cream
½ cup coarsely chopped fresh or frozen peaches, plus garnish
½ cup fresh raspberries, plus garnish
1 tablespoon chopped crystallized ginger**

1. For crust: Preheat oven to 350°. Mix together cookie crumbs and melted butter. Press mixture onto the bottom and 1½ inches up the side of a 6-inch springform pan. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes or until set. Cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Freeze for 30 minutes.

2. For filling: Transfer ice cream to a large bowl and let stand at room temperature for 15 minutes, or until just softened. Gently fold in peaches, raspberries and ginger. Spoon mixture into frozen crust. Freeze, covered, for 4 hours.

3. To serve, use a thin metal spatula to loosen cake from sides of pan; unmold onto a serving plate. Let stand at room temperature for 20 to 25 minutes to soften slightly. Garnish with peaches and raspberries. **Makes 8 servings.**

Per serving: 364 cal, 23 g fat, 85 mg chol, 208 mg sodium, 37 g carbo, 1 g fiber, 4 g pro.



SPECIFICATIONS

THE MIRACLE PAN

We made this easy. You can make all our recipes with a single 6-inch springform pan. (Wilton is a reliable brand.) If you discover you love making small cakes, consider buying a set of standard 6-inch round cake pans for baking layer cakes more quickly.

Wee White Layer Cake

With two tender layers and almond-kissed buttercream, this is the stuff birthday memories are made of—just smaller.

HANDS ON 40 minutes

TOTAL 3 hours 15 minutes

**2 egg whites
¼ cup butter or shortening
1 cup all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon almond extract
⅔ cup buttermilk
¼ cup butter, softened
2⅓ cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons milk, plus extra if needed
½ teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon almond extract**

1. For cake: Let egg whites and ¼ cup butter stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 6-inch springform or round cake pan. Line bottom with parchment paper; grease again. Set aside. (If available, prepare two pans.)

2. In a small bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; set aside. In a medium bowl, beat the ¼ cup room-temperature butter with an electric mixer on medium to high speed

for 30 seconds. Beat in granulated sugar, ½ teaspoon vanilla and ½ teaspoon almond extract. Add egg whites, one at a time, beating well. Alternately add flour mixture and buttermilk, beating on low speed after each addition just until combined. Spread half the batter in the pan. Chill remaining batter (or spread it in the second pan, if using).

3. Bake for 20 to 22 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes. Run knife around cake to loosen. Remove cake from pan; gently peel off paper. Cool completely on wire rack. If using one pan, wipe it clean and bake second layer with remaining batter.

4. For frosting: In a medium bowl, beat ¼ cup butter with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Gradually add 1 cup powdered sugar, beating well. Slowly beat in milk, ½ teaspoon vanilla and ½ teaspoon almond extract. Gradually beat in remaining powdered sugar. If needed, beat in some additional milk to reach spreading consistency.

5. To assemble, place one cake layer, bottom side up, on a platter. Spread with ¼ cup of frosting. Top with second layer, rounded side up. Spread top and sides with remaining frosting. **Makes 8 servings.**

Per serving: 420 cal, 12 g fat, 33 mg chol, 283 mg sodium, 75 g carbo, 4 g pro.



Cutie-Pie Carrot Cake

Book club meeting. Mother's Day brunch. A well-deserved raise. Cream cheese frosting is always the answer.

HANDS ON 40 minutes

TOTAL 1 hour 30 minutes

2 eggs
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon baking soda
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups lightly packed, finely shredded carrot
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup vegetable oil
4 ounces cream cheese, softened
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla
 $2\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 cups powdered sugar
Coarsely chopped walnuts, toasted

1. Let eggs stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 6-inch springform or round cake pan. Line bottom with parchment paper; grease again. Set aside. (If available, prepare three pans.)
2. In a medium bowl, stir together flour, granulated sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda and salt; set aside.

In a small bowl, lightly beat eggs. Stir in carrot and oil. Stir egg mixture into flour mixture until combined. Spread one-third of the batter in the pan. Chill remaining batter (or spread it in the other two pans, if using).

3. Bake for 20 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes. Run knife around cake to loosen. Remove cake from pan; gently peel off paper. Cool completely on wire rack. If using one pan, wipe it clean and bake two more layers with remaining batter.

4. For frosting: In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla with an electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in powdered sugar to reach spreading consistency.

5. To assemble, place one cake layer, bottom side up, on a platter. Spread with about one-third of the frosting. Repeat with another cake layer and another one-third of the frosting. Top with the remaining cake layer, rounded side up, and remaining frosting. Sprinkle with walnuts. Store, covered, in the refrigerator. **Makes 8 servings.**

Per serving: 595 cal, 28 g fat, 77 mg chol, 304 mg sodium, 83 g carbo, 3 g fiber, 6 g pro.

Tiny Chocolate Torte with Salted Ganache

Say hello to your new sinfully rich dinner-party standby. (Bonus: It's gluten-free.)

HANDS ON 20 minutes

TOTAL 1 hour 15 minutes

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter
4 ounces bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, chopped
2 eggs
2 tablespoons sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons whipping cream
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, chopped
Fleur de Sel (sea salt)

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease a 6-inch springform pan. Line bottom with parchment paper; grease again. Set pan in a 15x10x1-inch baking pan; set aside.

2. In a medium bowl, microwave butter and 4 ounces chocolate on 50% power (medium) in 30-second increments, stirring each time, until mixture is smooth. Set aside.

3. In another bowl, beat eggs and sugar with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 5 minutes; mixture should be light, airy and pale yellow. Beat in vanilla. Fold egg mixture into chocolate mixture one-third at a time until well combined. Spoon batter into prepared pan.

4. Bake for 17 to 20 minutes or until set. Cool in pan for 30 minutes; unmold onto a platter. Meanwhile, for ganache, bring cream to just boiling in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. (This will happen quickly.) Remove from heat. Add $1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces chocolate, but do not stir. Let stand 5 minutes. Add a pinch of Fleur de Sel. Stir until smooth. Spread ganache on cooled cake. **Makes 8 servings.** 

Per serving: 193 cal, 16 g fat, 67 mg chol, 139 mg sodium, 14 g carbo, 2 g fiber, 3 g pro.



More cake! For a handy printable booklet of these recipes (plus a bonus baby cheesecake recipe) go to midwestliving.com/babycakes.



Meet the press

Two
recipes
in one

Squashed PB&J? Bad news. But our **grown-up sandwiches** taste better pressed, making them perfect for tossing in a cooler or beach bag. Here are the secrets to mastering the art of the smush.

Step-by-step guide

1 Pressed sandwiches need a flavorful condiment to act as glue. Mustard isn't enough; you need a little fat. Start by mixing the **Mayo Base** ingredients in a big bowl.

2 Crusty **Bread** is crucial because it can absorb moisture without disintegrating. We like ciabatta. Split the loaf horizontally and spread both sides with *half* the Mayo Base.

3 You also want glue layered into the sandwich for maximum flavor and binding. Add the **Flavor Core** ingredients to the remaining Mayo Base in the bowl.

4 When piling on the fillings, the goal is a balance of texture, color and flavor. Stack the **Layers** on the bottom half of the bread in the order listed, then top with the bread lid and press down firmly.

5 Now the magic happens. Wrap the entire sandwich tightly in plastic wrap. Place on a baking sheet in the fridge. Place another baking sheet over the sandwich, and top with something heavy (like five or six cans of food from the pantry). Chill for 4 to 24 hours—your patience will be rewarded with a perfectly melded sandwich. To serve, unwrap and cut into six portions. If desired, wrap each portion again for toting on a picnic. **MN**



Pastrami and Slaw

Mayo Base

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup spicy brown mustard

Bread

13- to 16-ounce ciabatta loaf

Flavor Core

2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon snipped fresh dillweed
1 teaspoon caraway seeds, finely crushed
5 cups coleslaw mix (shredded cabbage with carrot)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup thinly sliced green onion

Layers

6 ounces thinly sliced pastrami or salami
6 slices Muenster cheese
6 ounces thinly sliced pastrami or salami
Flavor Core + Mayo Base (Step 3)

Mediterranean Tuna

Mayo Base

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup pepperoncini salad peppers, drained, stemmed and finely chopped
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1 tablespoon lemon juice
4 cloves minced garlic

Bread

13- to 16-ounce ciabatta loaf

Flavor Core

1 12-ounce can solid white tuna, drained and flaked
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup pitted kalamata or green olives, chopped

Layers

Flavor Core + Mayo Base (Step 3)
 $1\frac{3}{4}$ cups thinly sliced English cucumber
1 cup roasted red sweet peppers, drained and chopped
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SCENTS OF TIME

Stepping off the ferry for the Mackinac Island Lilac Festival is like [walking into a second spring](#). While most Midwest lilac blooms are gone by late May, thousands of them are bursting with color on this nostalgic Michigan island. For those wanting to extend the season, a visit is a too-good-to-be-true getaway.

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Mackinac Island Lilac Festival

The 66th Lilac Festival will feature live music, lilac tours, the Taste of Mackinac, a dog and pony show, and a grand parade with bands and horse-drawn floats. June 5–14, 2015 (906/847-3783; mackinacisland.org).

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LILACS PAINT A PASTEL
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SIMPLY PUT, YOU'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED LILACS LIKE THIS.

Those beloved blooms that inspire us to throw open windows for a whiff at home offer a near total-immersion experience on Mackinac Island at the meeting of Lakes Michigan and Huron in northern Michigan.

"They don't grow like this anywhere else in the world," lilac specialist Jeff Young tells a group of tourists encircling the nearly 20-inch-diameter lilac trunk outside one of the island's Victorian cottages. "The island has lilacs that can grow 40 feet tall and are more than 100 years old."

Lilacs arrived here with New England settlers then later with wealthy homeowners who planted the pink, blue, white and lavender bloomers to appeal to tourists. The shrubs took to Mackinac's cold winters, Great Lakes breezes and limestone much like the million annual tourists have taken to the island's century-old flavor, horse- or bicycle-only transportation and irresistible fudge.

The Lilac Festival celebrates that fortuitous pairing for 10 days each June. But the highlight is simply walking down streets fragrant with pastel panicles. "It's just intoxicating," says local landscape designer Jack Barnwell, who plants hundreds of lilacs with his crew each year. "The town and Fort Mackinac are covered with a canopy of lilacs."

Even if blossoms aren't at their peak (blooms last up to three weeks, with early-, mid- and late-blooming varieties), it's the perfect time to savor the sight of lilacs beside the blue of the Great Lakes without summer crowds.

VIEWING LILACS

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STE. ANNE'S CHURCHYARD Forty varieties of lilacs fill this quiet yard, including the strongly fragrant 'Beauty of Moscow', a lovely white double.

MARQUETTE PARK It's 100 percent lilacs in this waterfront retreat below Fort Mackinac. Sit and enjoy a picnic amid the big groves.

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Trip guide

For information: Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau (906/847-3783; mackinacisland.org).

What to do

Taste of Mackinac Get in line for this popular picnic-style lunch (\$20) to sample items from several restaurants, plus Michigan beer and wine.

Walk and Talk with Lilacs

Hear growing tips and insights on the island's lilac history from expert Jeff Young. The easy walk introduces you to some of the island's more than 250 lilac varieties, including dwarf, weeping and double-flower styles.

Mackinac Island State Park

Trails in this park, which covers nearly 80 percent of the island, are in full wildflower splendor during the festival.

Where to eat

Grand Hotel Enjoy a Grand Luncheon Buffet (\$45) with hot and cold entrees. Or listen to chamber music and nibble



on finger sandwiches at the signature Afternoon Tea (\$30).

Seabiscuit Cafe Named for the champion thoroughbred (one of four TVs plays the movie continuously), this cozy pub's menu is a sure bet.

Woods Restaurant Take a carriage ride for casual dining in a Bavarian-style lodge.

Where to stay

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Grand Hotel Experience the best of the Victorian Era in a treasured landmark with a 660-foot-long front porch. From \$289 per person, with breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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The Beef State's largest city will never abandon its taste for a thick, juicy steak. But that doesn't mean freshly flown-in oysters and vegan mac and cheese can't fit in, too. Check out the **sizzling array of new restaurants** that are changing the flavor of Omaha.

A breath of fresh (sea) air

Plank Seafood Provisions brings a splash of coastal flair to Omaha's popular Old Market district with ocean murals on the walls, an oyster bar and the skeleton of a boat hanging from the ceiling. Visit during a happy hour for \$1 oysters (the selection is flown in fresh daily) and a \$3 cup of velvety New England clam chowder jazzed up with leeks, thyme, Yukon gold potatoes and thick pieces of applewood smoked bacon (402/507-4480; plankseafood.com).

Wash it down

Light from an antique chandelier illuminates the exposed brick walls of the 19th-century building housing **Wilson and Washburn**. With 24 craft beers on tap and cocktails like the Josie Washburn (Bombay Sapphire gin, lavender and German wheat beer), you won't thirst for variety here on the outskirts of the Old Market. Bring an appetite, too, for stellar pub grub like the house-smoked pulled pork sandwich smothered in robust bourbon barbecue sauce (402/991-6950; wilsonandwashburn.com).



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Farm-fresh mornings

A wall-size jigsaw puzzle of scrap barnwood covers any evidence that **Over Easy** used to be the home of a Blimpie sub shop. Ingredients sourced from area farms, gardens and dairies flavor custardy pancakes served in skillets with homemade jam and the bread pudding-like cranberry-almond French toast studded with raisins. In a hurry? Grab a buttery homemade Pop-Tart at the drive-through (402/934-2929; overeasyomaha.com).

There's a new steak in town

Unadorned white walls and stark black booths and chairs keep the focus on the food at Italian **Avoli Osteria**, a Dundee neighborhood hot spot. Not to be missed: the Bistecca Grigliata, a rare and tender 30-ounce Piedmontese ribeye from an Italian cow bred in Nebraska (who knew?). Indulge in the crème fraîche panna cotta with Meyer lemon curd and house gelato. *Delizioso!* (402/933-7400; avoliosteria.com).

Spicing up the strip mall

A globe-shape chandelier and art popping from teal walls at **Salt** add flash to a northwest Omaha strip mall. Locals have come to expect such flair from co-owner Milton Yin (his Hiro 88 has become Omaha's go-to sushi joint). Here, diners find modern twists on Mediterranean dishes like the Cavatappi Amatriciana—al dente pasta, grilled chicken, crushed red tomatoes and savory pancetta (402/991-9088; salt88.com).

Vegan for all

New York City transplant Isa Moskowitz cranks out comfort food and desserts from a small kitchen in **Modern Love**, a 13-table vegan beacon. The Mac and Shews—an utterly creamy cashew-based version of macaroni and cheese—left us wondering if the dairy-free label was a mistake. A side of BBQ cauliflower adds zippy crunch (402/614-6481; modernloveomaha.com).

4 OMAHA CLASSICS

Pay your respects to the Old Guard at these winners that keep the locals coming back.

1 The Flatiron Cafe

Chef Robert Hill serves some of the city's finest surf and turf downtown. Splurge on poached lobster with king crab and truffle oil risotto, or opt for grilled beef tenderloin and a tower of saffron mashed potatoes (402/344-3040; theflatironcafe.com).

2 J. Coco

In an old Dundee neighborhood grocery store, the chef delights guests with entrees of udon noodles and shiitake mushrooms topped with a crispy duck breast (402/884-2626; jcocoomaha.com).

3 Dinker's Bar

Just off Interstate-80, a sign on the plain exterior boasts Omaha's Best Burger. We were sold after one bite of the mouthwatering Haystack Burger topped with honey ham and a fried egg (402/342-9742; dinkersbar.com).

4 The Grey Plume

In its five years, the Midtown Crossing spot has earned nationwide props for its green initiatives (floors of recycled barnwood) and organic food that's so fresh there's no need for a walk-in fridge. We loved our juicy bison burger (402/763-4447; thegreyplume.com). **MAL**



SCALLOP WITH MASCARPONE POLENTA AT J. COCO



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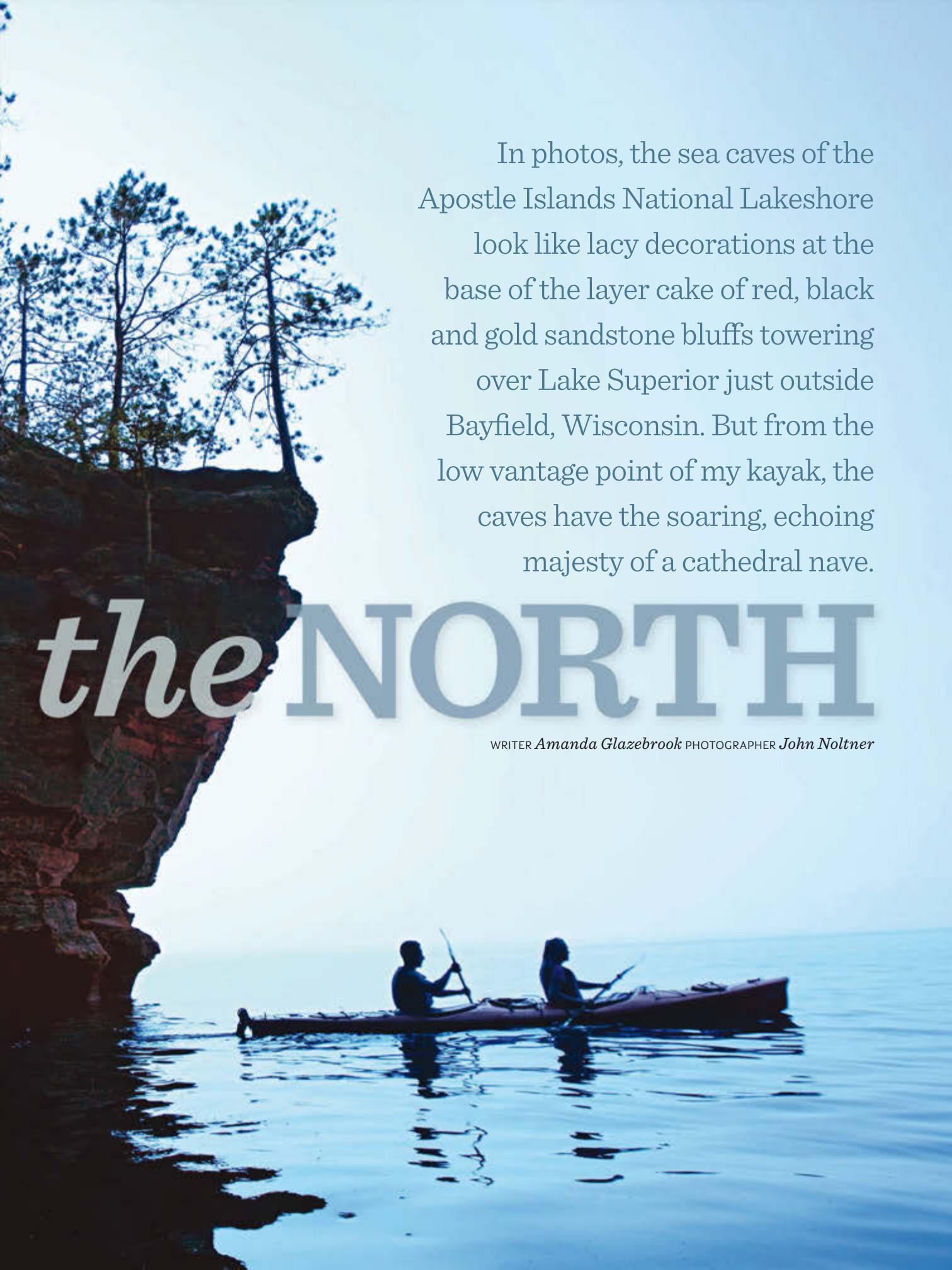
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**EXPLORE
BY BOAT**

Kayaks provide the best access to the sea caves of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

AT THE EDGE OF THE LARGEST OF THE GREAT LAKES, A SMALL HARBOR TOWN FORMS A GATEWAY TO MUSIC, ART AND NORTHERN WILDERNESS.

NOTES on



In photos, the sea caves of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore look like lacy decorations at the base of the layer cake of red, black and gold sandstone bluffs towering over Lake Superior just outside Bayfield, Wisconsin. But from the low vantage point of my kayak, the caves have the soaring, echoing majesty of a cathedral nave.

the NORTH

WRITER *Amanda Glazebrook* PHOTOGRAPHER *John Noltner*

Under the care of guides from Living Adventure outfitters, my husband, Rob, and I paddle our tandem kayak under towering stone arches and around rocky castoffs where start-up forests have taken root. Our paddles splashing in concert, we follow the undulating shoreline and, in a hollow, find a narrow sea cave. I paddle forward, until Rob grabs the sides of the cave to pull our kayak, hand over hand, deeper into the Earth. We float in the shadows, listen to the water lap against the rough walls, crane our necks to catch a glimpse of the slip of blue sky above, and believe, for just a second, that we've uncovered a secret.

The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, a nearly 70,000-acre preserve, covers 12 miles of cave-studded shoreline along a peninsula jutting into Lake Superior. The preserve also includes 21 of the 22 Apostle Islands, which scatter out from the peninsula like skipped stones. (Some 200 souls inhabit the archipelago member Madeline Island, making it ineligible for national lakeshore status.) The heart of this region is Bayfield, a sophisticated outpost of 400-plus residents hidden between a blanket of northern forest and the sweeping inland sea. About 85 miles east of Duluth, Minnesota, the town draws travelers yearning to kayak to the caves or the islands, to hike through the trees, or to simply enjoy an evening stroll down Bayfield's corridor of culture, Rittenhouse Avenue.

Rehabbed Queen Anne Victorians and freestanding brick businesses line steeply sloped Rittenhouse Avenue, a six-block reprieve from the wilderness, that ends at the Apostle Islands Marina. This avenue is where Rob and I find Ethel's at 250, a light-filled, gleaming-wood restaurant in a green-sided Victorian where owner Sally Heytens greets

“The heart of this region is Bayfield, a sophisticated outpost.”



PRETTY SIGHT
The view of Bayfield
from a Madeline
Island Ferry Line boat.



RUSTIC AND REFINED ABOVE A boardwalk leads to the beach in Big Bay State Park on Madeline Island. **BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT** Lifesaver rings and red benches brighten the passenger deck on the Madeline Island Ferry Line boats, which connect Bayfield and La Pointe, Wisconsin. At Old Rittenhouse Inn's Landmark Restaurant in Bayfield, dinners might feature seared yellowfin tuna. **BOTTOM** The 2015 concert lineup at the 900-plus-seat Big Top Chautauqua includes Peter Frampton.



locals by name. We relax into comfortable seats and refuel on smoked trout crostini (slathered with a lemony-basil sauce) and hearty lasagna swimming in spicy-sweet marinara. When conversation wanes, we watch Bayfield through the plate-glass windows: a stream of kayak-topped Subarus navigating to and from the lake; shoppers carrying bags filled with fine linens from Joanne's Scandinavian, tomes of local history from Apostle Islands Booksellers or whole beans from Big Water Coffee Roasters; music-lovers gathered outside the red Big Top Chautauqua box office building, waiting for the free shuttle to carry them to the evening's entertainment.

The chautauqua is a nod to the early-1900s traveling tent-city universities that brought lectures, concerts, plays and prayer meetings to smaller cities across the country—a sort of thinking man's county fair. Bayfield's modern take stays in one place, but it rises and falls with the seasons. A striped circus tent goes up each May (and comes down each October) over a stage in a clearing hemmed by stands of sugar maple, hemlock and pine trees outside Bayfield's city limits.

We join the music fans on the shuttle to see fiddlers Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy play under the big top—an appropriately down-home event for a tent concert in the woods. The 900-plus seats are somewhat ragtag (Rob and I find ours on a reclaimed church pew; others look like cushioned stadium seats), but we drink in our two-hour education on reels and jigs infused with Scottish and bluegrass spirit.



ENERGY ABOUNDS ABOVE Motion-To-Go in La Pointe rents mopeds for exploring Madeline Island's shoreline roads. **ABOVE RIGHT, FROM TOP** Ethel's At 250, on the mainland, serves upscale meals in a casual setting. Concerts at Big Top Chautauqua, outside Bayfield, extend well past sundown.



“On a precipice over the lake, it feels like we've found the edge of the world.



PADDLE THROUGH
Arches and caves pepper the mainland's lakeshore.

As our trip progresses, we find ourselves settling into a rhythm like the lake's waves. We're drawn away from Bayfield to seek the secrets of this remote corner of the world and pulled back for the comforts of civilization. A ferry carries us to the minuscule collection of vacation homes, restaurants and artists studios that is La Pointe, Wisconsin, on Madeline Island. The town feels like a compromise between nature and civilization, the constant lush curtain of trees standing proud behind Woods Hall Craft Shop—a gallery and workshop for regional artists that's part of an island church—and Island Carvers, the home-slash-studio of wood-carvers Ken Peterson and Chris Thompson. And the trees aren't far from Tom's Burned Down Cafe, a come-as-you-are watering hole built on the burned remains of Leona's Cafe. ("Quirky" describes the finished product: industrial-tarp ceilings, wooden floors, hand-painted signs, a landlocked sailboat and tattooed staff.)

But it's uncompromising nature that draws us to Big Bay State Park on the eastern side of the island. We hike a dirt path along a rocky bluff, the lake stretching to the horizon on one side of us, a forest of white pine to the other. Rob asks me to take his picture next to one soaring tree, but I can't get it to work. To get the lowest branches in the frame, I have to pull back so far that his face becomes a blur at the bottom of the photo. Instead, I take his picture standing at the edge of a giant slab of stone, the lake behind him as wild and blue as an ocean. We're 6 miles and a ferry ride from platters of fresh whitefish and pints of locally brewed beer in Bayfield's The Pickled Herring Pub, but standing on this precipice, it feels like we've found the edge of the world.

For more information, contact Bayfield Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Bureau (715/779-3335; bayfield.org). For trip guide, see page 102.

JUMP IN
Swimming in Lake
Superior at Big Bay
State Park brings a
50-some-degree
respite from the
summer heat.





ON THE ISLAND CLOCKWISE, FROM ABOVE Big Bay Town Park, right next to Big Bay State Park, has a boardwalk trail over Big Bay Lagoon. Big Bay State Park contains more than 7 miles of hiking (or walking, or running) trails. The Madeline Island Museum explores the island's history. A weaving studio at Woods Hall Craft Shop hosts workshops and artist demonstrations. At Tom's Burned Down Cafe, eclectic decor includes canvas walls and pithy signs. **MH**



A new generation of floral wallpapers, fabrics and accessories energizes spaces with their anything-but-Granny scale and loose, airy designs. (But Granny would approve.)

flower power!



Florals have long bloomed on Midwest farmhouse and cottage walls. For a new take on decorating with wall coverings, frame large-scale and fabulous (but often pricey) designs with molding to create a headboard or work of art.

RESOURCES ABOVE Watelet wall covering and Hiyoku pillow fabric by Designers Guild. **OPPOSITE** From top left: Teahouse Floral by Carey Lind; large-scale roses by Seabrook; Hydrangea by York; Petal Pusher by York; Tuileries by Anna French for Thibaut; Iola Rose by Harlequin; Fiona Lemon fabric on host chair by Lee Industries. **For buying guide, see page 102.**



Today's oversize florals include photo-reverse styles and loose watercolor renditions that infuse a sense of movement. These blowsy blooms make a bold statement, so use them selectively on an accent wall or in a bedroom, powder room or entry.



Stick with a palette to mix floral fabrics—much as you would combine plants in the garden. To temper a profusion of blooms, pick florals with neutral backgrounds and include stripes, checks or solids for pattern relief. Add the calming colors of prairie, fields and sky.

RESOURCES ABOVE Sakura drapery fabric by Calico Corners; striped drapery fabric, tablecloth fabric and napkin fabric by Duralee; striped chair fabric by Covington. **OPPOSITE** From left: Amrapali by Designers Guild; Pink Peonies by Helen Klebesadel for Spoonflower; Hydrangea by Joel Dewberry for Westminster Fibers; Wild Flowers by Clarke and Clarke. **For buying guide, see page 102.**



Like sheets hanging on a farmyard clothesline, florals simultaneously feel fresh and sentimental. And just as a voluptuous hydrangea varies from a delicate violet, each design has its own personality. Big graphic florals look modern; smaller motifs lean vintage.

You don't need to cover walls to refresh a room with flowers. Start simple with floral shapes, knobs, pillows, plates—or even a bouquet.



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ROOMS IN BLOOM

1 Saturated colors make even the daintiest blooms look current on this Paradise Fields chair by Cath Kidston. 2 Lenten Rose knobs by Anthropologie play off the lush blooms of Isabelle wallpaper by Graham and Brown. 3 Angie Eisman upcycles old sweaters into floral pillows, including this ombre version. A peachy rose pillow by Saro through Wayfair features petals you can ruffle up or down.

4 Melamine dessert plates by John Derian can also hang on the wall. Take your pick from 16 colors and various lamp styles with this Seedling by Thomas Paul design from Lamps Plus.

5 Crate and Barrel's Mallorca platters imitate floral shapes and create a shallow waterfall-like vessel for floating flowers.



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Decorating with florals

Play with scale Traditional design advice says to match big prints to walls and large furniture and to keep small florals on accessories like napkins and pillows. For a more current and unexpected twist, experiment with a bold pattern on a small item.

Choose your mood Adopt a monochromatic or muted scheme to add a sense of restfulness and restraint. Or jazz things up with bold, saturated hues paired with plenty of bright white on walls, furniture or trimwork.

Watch dressmaker details

Sofas and chairs take on a romantic sensibility when skirted with fabric. Ditto for ruffles on pillows and draperies. Choose straight or pleated edges and keep furniture legs bare to achieve a more streamlined effect.

Avoid the frill factor Balance florals with natural textures and masculine furnishings, such as a sisal rug, farmhouse table or leather club chair.

Pick a posy—or two Hang empty frames over flower wallpaper motifs (one per frame) for creative emphasis.

Experiment Use floral wallpaper to line drawers or shelves, back a cabinet or jazz up a closet.

For buying guide, see page 102.

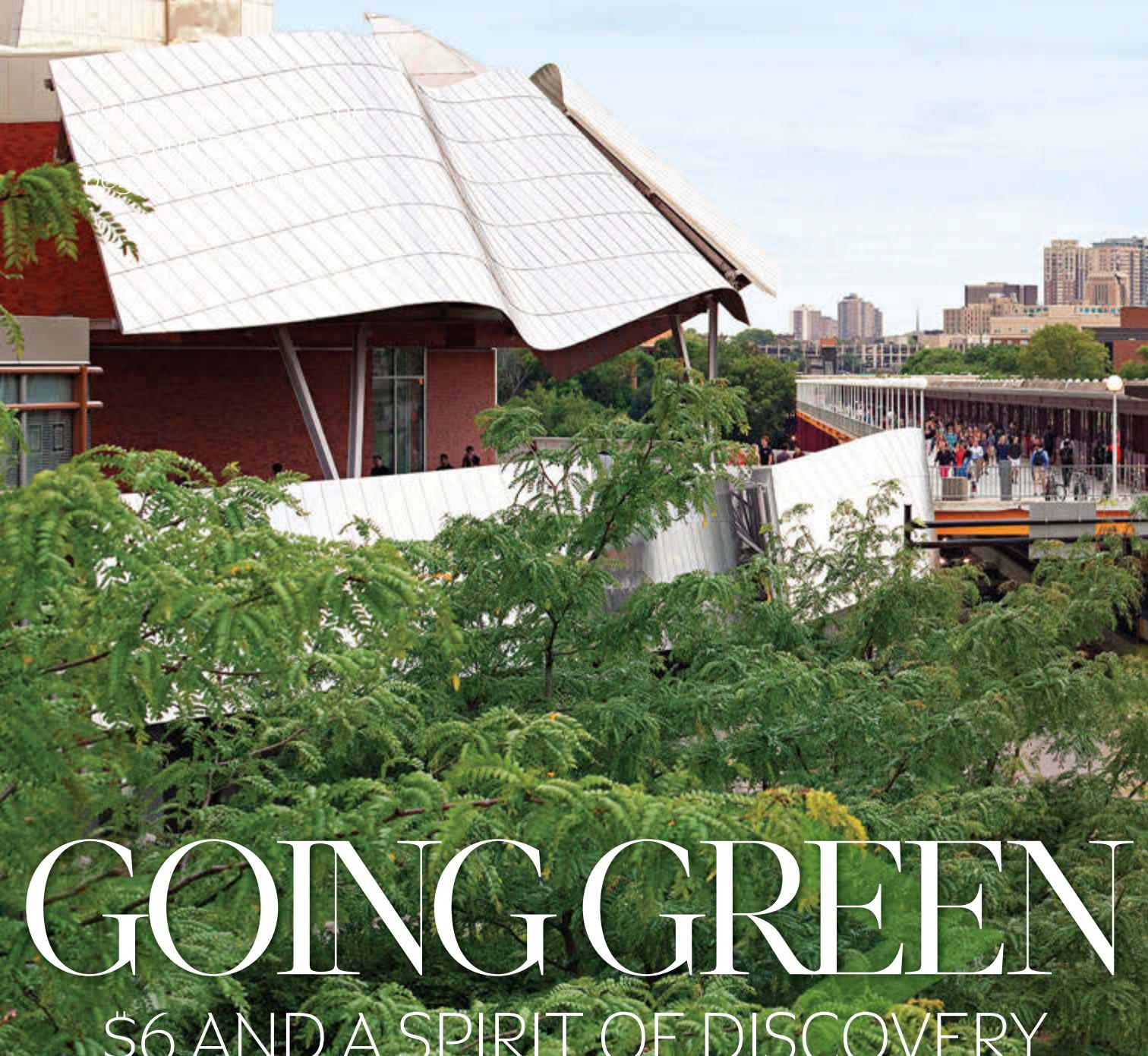


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BUDGING ENTHUSIASTS

An ebullient pastel fabric by Duralee blends well with other motifs. Seabrook's Gloucester wall covering brings birds into the pattern mix. **MH**



GOING GREEN

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are all you need to explore the Twin Cities, thanks to the new Metro Green Line light-rail addition. Connecting the hearts of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, this train makes it easy for visitors to enjoy a weekend's worth of museums, sports, music and food without ever touching the car keys. The \$900 million, 1-year-old project represents the state's largest public works initiative to date. For residents, the line inspired some \$2.5 billion worth of housing, retail and office developments, as well as renovations to destinations like the 1920s Union Depot in downtown Saint Paul. For visitors, the line provides easy access to the classic Twin Cities attractions, like Minneapolis' Nicollet Mall, plus an invitation to explore off-the-radar neighborhoods. Inside, you'll find everything you need to know to make the Green Line your ticket to the Twin Cities. For information: Meet Minneapolis (888/676-6757; minneapolis.org), Visit Saint Paul (800/627-6101; visitsaintpaul.com), On The Green Line (onthegreenline.com).



*From Target Field to Union Depot,
the line packs 23 stops into 11 miles.



HEART OF MINNEAPOLIS

TARGET FIELD > WAREHOUSE/HENNEPIN AVENUE > NICOLLET MALL

The three stops at the western end of the Green Line sit in Minneapolis' bass-thumping, baseball-smacking, burger-slinging downtown. The six blocks between the Target Field and Nicollet Mall stations are jam-packed with things to do. Who comes here? On a warm summer night, it feels like everyone. Families fill

Target Field to see the Minnesota Twins play baseball and to nosh sausages from local deli Kramarczuk's. Fans without tickets climb to rooftop bars at places like **Cowboy Jacks** to watch the game on the big-screen and hear the crack of the bat and the crowd's roar. If music is more your style, join students from the nearby University of Minnesota at the gritty, indie-focused **First Avenue** (just call it First Ave) to discover new bands, or see big-name acts at **Target Center** (Billy Joel plays here on May 16). For dining, there are more worthy restaurants than we can list; we especially like the lush lobster rolls at **Smack Shack**; the crisp-crusted meatball, ricotta and garlic pizza from **Black Sheep**; and the rum-rubbed pork ribs from **Butcher and the Boar**. On mild evenings, the patios of craft-beer producer **Fulton Brewery** and expansive **Kieran's Irish Pub** are popular hangouts. (Kieran's often has live music playing, too.) The super-luxe **Loews**

Minneapolis Hotel sits in the heart of it all, with views that show off the city.

PHOTOGRAPHS: (AZZ, GUTHRIE) JOHN NOLTNER, (LOBSTER) BLAINE MOATS, (VEGGIES) BOB STEJKO



TARGET FIELD



* Catch a fly ball AND a great skyline view at Target Field.

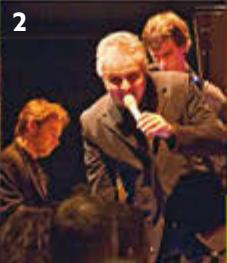


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MINNEAPOLIS LOVE

- 1 Smack Shack dishes boiled lobster near Target Field.
- 2 Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant presents live music on Nicollet Mall.
- 3 Sweet Child of Mine IPA is always on tap at Fulton Brewery near Target Field.

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All aboard!

QUICK FACTS ABOUT RIDING THE TRAIN

FARE \$1.75 (\$2.25 during rush hour) buys a one-way ticket to ride. \$6 buys a 24-hour all-you-can-ride pass. Ticket kiosks at the train stations take cash or credit card.

SPEED Expect to spend about 45 minutes on the rails to get from Target Field to Union Depot.

FREQUENCY Trains arrive at stations about every 10 minutes.

NAVIGATION The Twin Cities have two light-rail train lines: The Green Line and the Blue Line. You can transfer between them at the Warehouse/Hennepin Avenue or Target Field stations and take the Blue Line to the airport or the Mall of America.

WHAT IT'S LIKE Bright and clean. Expect standing-room-only congestion during rush hour, but you should be able to grab a seat on daytime and evening rides.



NICOLLET MALL



4 NICOLLET MALL FOR ALL

4 Aptly named, The News Room mixes burgers and American history.

5 Thursday afternoons bring a bustling farmers market to the mall.

6 Mary Tyler Moore tosses her hat outside Macy's.



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* Watch *The Music Man* this June at Guthrie Theater near the Downtown East station.



THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CAMPUS

WEST BANK > EAST BANK > STADIUM

VILLAGE > PROSPECT PARK > You'll find the university's best summer attractions around the East Bank station. The Green Line runs under the wing of a surreal metal castle: the **Weisman Art Museum**, a free museum housing works by Georgia O'Keeffe, Roy Lichtenstein and Marsden Hartley. If modern isn't your speed, go old-school at the midcentury **Bell**

Museum of Natural History, where a touch-and-see gallery lets visitors hold a mammoth tusk and see how they measure up to a Kodiak bear. Classic collegiate scenes surround the museums: Young adults lounging on long stretches of green grass or playing Frisbee around giant sculptures. (Some three dozen pieces of public art dot the East Bank and the West Bank.) Students congregate in the triangle created by University Avenue, Washington Avenue and Oak Street, where casual eateries beckon.

Punch Neapolitan Pizza and **My Burger** dish their namesake eats; **Stub and Herbs** serves pub food in a casual bar setting; and ethnic restaurants dish Afghan, Vietnamese and Korean meals. Until the Minnesota Vikings' new stadium opens for play in 2016, the team kicks off home games in **TCF Bank Stadium** in Stadium Village. It's a few steps from **The**

Commons Hotel, where a book butler delivers good reads to your room and plush beds encourage lingering.



WEISMAN ART MUSEUM

PHOTOGRAPHS: (PIZZA, POOL) BLAINE MOATS, (GOLDEN HORSE) BOB STEFKO



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ON THE EAST BANK CAMPUS

1 Bold colors grace the walls at the East Bank's Weisman Art Museum. 2 Wood-fired ovens flash-cook pies at the East Bank's Punch Neapolitan Pizza. 3 The Commons Hotel supplies a pool table for guest use.

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*Country singer Luke Bryan plays at TCF Bank Stadium in Stadium Village on June 20.

RAYMOND CREATIVE ENTERPRISE ZONE

WESTGATE > RAYMOND AVENUE

This Saint Paul stop has the slightly urban-gritty feel of a Neighborhood Coming Back. Stop here to dine at **Caffe Biaggio**, a classic Italian restaurant in the shell of an old diner just half a block from the train stop. (The spaghetti carbonara is heavy with smoky bacon and cream.) Then shop in some of the neighborhood's vintage stores, including **MidModMen and Friends**.

FROGTOWN

VICTORIA STREET > DALE STREET

This neighborhood in Saint Paul has long been an enclave for immigrants. In the early 1900s, it was German and French expats; today, it trends toward Vietnamese and Thai, and the eateries and markets reflect that heritage. It's unpolished and urban, but locals know it's the best place for authentic cuisine. **iPho by Saigon** makes giant bowls of Vietnamese pho: rice noodles, veggies and meats swimming in broth.



HEART OF SAINT PAUL

CAPITOL/RICE STREET > ROBERT STREET > 10TH STREET > CENTRAL > UNION DEPOT

In capital city Saint Paul, the Green Line's eastern terminal sits outside **Union Depot**, a restored Beaux Arts building that's as much community center as transit hub. (Transfer to buses and catch Amtrak trains, or take advantage of a bike-share program here.) Glittering chandeliers, transportation-theme murals and a restaurant have brought life to the once-overlooked space. Three blocks away, peaceful **Mears Park** fills a city block at the heart of Lowertown, a residential neighborhood full of laid-back restaurants. Locals like **The Bulldog** bar for shuffleboard, burgers and Belgian brews; **Barrio** bills itself as a tequila bar, but it's a standout taqueria, too. The 10th Street and Central stations grant access to a pocket of densely packed cultural institutions: the **Minnesota History Center**, the **Minnesota Children's Museum**, the **Science Museum of Minnesota** and the newly expanded **Ordway Center for the Performing Arts**, where the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Minnesota Opera perform. They all sit in the shadow of the **Minnesota State Capitol**, closest to the Capitol station. Free tours of the building end May 18, when the legislature returns to session, but you can always see the rooftop *quadriga* (a statue of four horses pulling a chariot). Chenille chairs and down comforters ensure a comfy stay at elegant **The Saint Paul Hotel**.



TWIN CITIES ADVENTURE

4 Reclaimed goods fill Art and Architecture in Prospect Park. **5** Self-guided tours showcase the state Capitol, off Capitol station. **6** A coffee mug celebrates the Green Line at Dunn Brothers Coffee at the Westgate station.



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*The Ordway Center for the Performing Arts and The Saint Paul Hotel flank Rice Park, near Central station.





A TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL
The path to the abundant veggie garden becomes near magical when enclosed by a cedar pergola allée shading a fern-lined walkway. **OPPOSITE** Vertical supports yield extra garden space while giving vining plants better air circulation and space to roam.

heart&soil

IF SIX DECADES OF GARDENING HAVE TAUGHT HATTIE PURTELL ANYTHING, IT'S TO CARE FOR THE EARTH UNDER HER FEET.

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IF THE EARTH ISN'T
NURTURED, YOUR
GARDEN IS GROWING
ON EMPTY.





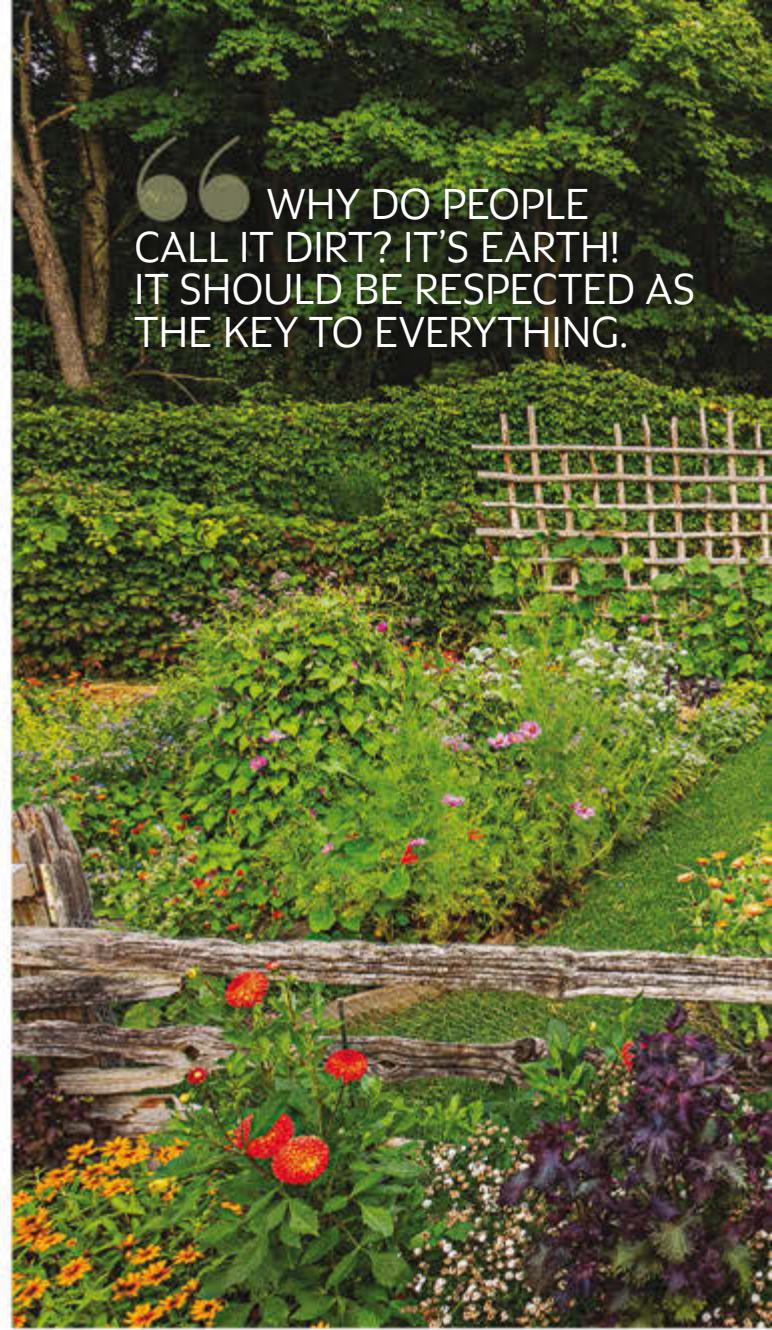
BEFORE HATTIE PURTELL AGREED to buy her Wisconsin property, she grabbed a shovel. "We lived farther down the road, and I'd walk by here and covet this river-bottom land," Hattie says of the 5-acre lot where she now lives with her husband, Ted. "But before we put in a bid, I came down with a shovel. We'd lived on clay for 15 years, and I'd put a lot of time and effort into that soil. I certainly didn't want to sell it and buy more clay."

Fortunately, Hattie hit loamy pay dirt—though she much prefers the term *earth*. ("Why do people call it dirt?" she asks with indignation. "It's earth! It should be respected as the key to everything!")

One look around Hattie's lush vegetable, prairie and flower gardens is convincing. Cabbages grow larger than beach balls, raspberries rocket for the sky and a volunteer pumpkin vine rises from the hay bale-lined compost pile like an otherworldly species on steroids. "People want instant success, and they buy large plants and plunk them in the ground," Hattie says. "But that's not where to invest your money and time. If the earth isn't nurtured, your garden is growing on empty. A plant's health and ability to resist pests is dependent on the nutrients present in the soil."

For Hattie, the desire to nurture land and wildlife runs as deep as her ongoing wish to learn. In her 50s, she returned to college to become a botanist. In her 60s, she studied biodynamic agriculture methods in the book *Rudolf Steiner: A Biographical Introduction for Farmers*. In her 70s, she traveled for one weekend a month to attend workshops at the Pfeiffer Center in New York—a practicing biodynamic farm devoted to teaching those principles.

66 WHY DO PEOPLE CALL IT DIRT? IT'S EARTH! IT SHOULD BE RESPECTED AS THE KEY TO EVERYTHING.





LIVING IN HARMONY

OPPOSITE TOP "I love to cook, so I harvest from the vegetable garden every day," says Hattie Purtell, with Ranger.

CLOCKWISE, FROM ABOVE Purple Italian, wrinkly Savoy and cone-shape Dutch cabbages dot the garden. "A few have bug bites," Hattie says. "But I don't care; I share." Towering meadow rue's wispy purple blooms can reach 20 feet. Rustic structures suit the wooded property. Swedish Flower hens assist with natural pest control by eating bugs.



Organic gardening practices form the core of biodynamics, which views each garden or property as one living organism in which all the plants, animals, insects and soil work together to be self-sustaining.

"The idea is to create your own compost, rotate crops and, when you have a pest or disease issue, to make your own spray remedies," Hattie says. "It's a big circle of life, and round and round you go."

As she learned, Hattie added cold frames, a beehive and a chicken coop for hens that eat pests and contribute droppings that go back into the garden. She also started vermicomposting, building a cinder-block-wall area in the garage to house earthworms that produce nutrient-rich castings from fruit and vegetable waste. Near the chicken coop, she grows plants like stinging nettles that are useful in biodynamic mixtures that can be sprayed to boost photosynthesis in the plants and microbes in the soil. In the veggie gardens, she rotates crops, composts with each new planting, and adds herbs and flowers to attract beneficial insects.

The sense of harmony that biodynamics brought to the rest of her property also pervades the perennial beds she and Matt Kastell of Monches Gardens recently designed. The two started by sitting in the future flowerbed sipping tea and imagining a peaceful space. "We just decided where we wanted sod paths, and the flowerbeds just fell off of the paths," Matt says. "It's more about the spirit of the place when you're designing out in the garden as opposed to being indoors and drawing it."

Walking down one of the new paths, Hattie concurs. "When you design on paper, you can draw seven circles for those trees," she says, pointing to some natives beside the pond, "but you can't feel them."

Playing off the existing cedar pergola allée, Matt added a second cedar pergola covered with Dutchman's-pipe vine by the patio pond and two large willow benches. Throughout the natural-style flowerbeds, Matt and Hattie worked with existing native trees—no matter how "scrappy."

"Not everyone gets it," Hattie says with a laugh as she discusses her gardening methods. "Once one of Ted's friends came out and said, 'Ted, now you can cut down those trees and clean it up so you can have a view to the river.' But my husband simply said, 'You don't understand my wife.'"



Want to try some little-known vegetables with great flavor?
Check out midwestliving.com/unusualveggies.



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GARDEN DELIGHTS

- 1 Hattie favors Savoy cabbage for sauerkraut.
- 2 Yellow coneflower dots the nearly 1 acre of prairie. 3 Lacinto kale, also known as Tuscan or Italian kale, adds an earthy taste to soups and pastas. 4 Dill pulls double-duty as an herb and magnet for good bugs. 5 Deeply ribbed 'Costoluto Genovese' tomatoes are highly flavorful eaten fresh or preserved. 6 A peaceful seating area nestles beside a pond in the perennial garden.
- 7 Drought-tolerant dwarf zinnias add cheery color from summer to frost.
- 8 Frogs and butterflies frequently visit this little watering hole.



SPROUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOP

The chicken coop's green roof is covered with drought-tolerant plants like sedums, alliums, grasses and campanulas.



Here's to good health

Follow these five steps to nurture your garden's ability to resist pests and diseases.

Select the best Don't use seeds that are dried up or stunted; weed out slow-growing plants that won't thrive. Save seeds (go to Iowa's seedsavers.org for instructions), or buy from a biodynamic source, such as turtletrueseeds.org.

Invite beneficial bugs

Attract bees that'll pollinate plants and insects like ladybugs and praying mantis that'll prey on pests. Begin by adding flowering herbs rich in pollen and nectar, such as catmint, verbena, lavender and nasturtium. Grow several in a central spot or add a few around the base of fruit and vegetable plants.

Rotate crops Don't grow as much as you can by using fertilizers to force growth. You'll get healthier, tastier produce if you rotate crops annually to avoid nutrient deficiencies. For instance, tomatoes and potatoes make high demands on a soil's nutrients, whereas peas and beans actually help restore the earth's fertility.

Compost Any attempt to add decomposed leaves, grass clippings, eggshells and other organic matter will jump-start the vitality of your garden.

Use field sprays Mixtures of manure and plants (like horsetail, nettles and oak bark) boost compost, nurture soil and protect plants from pests and disease. Buy sprays at jpibiodynamics.org. 



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Ajivo MEXICAN night!

The Slow-Braised, Salt-Rimmed,
Lime-Squeezed, Mariachi-Humming

SECRETS

to sizzling South-of-the-Border
FLAVOR

PRODUCER Hannah Agran RECIPES Jenna Giannini
PHOTOGRAPHER Blaine Moats ILLUSTRATOR Thomas Agran

Bienvenidos! Our search for truly craveable homemade Mexican began with an idle question. Why do restaurant fajitas taste so dang good? (Or more to the point, why are ours merely decent?) That musing led us here, to a dish-by-dish guide packed with original recipes, expert tips and aha moments. One revelation: The Midwest's changing demographics are a boon to curious cooks. You can find all our ingredients (even the exotic ones) at a big supermarket or Walmart. **So make like a chip, and dip in.**



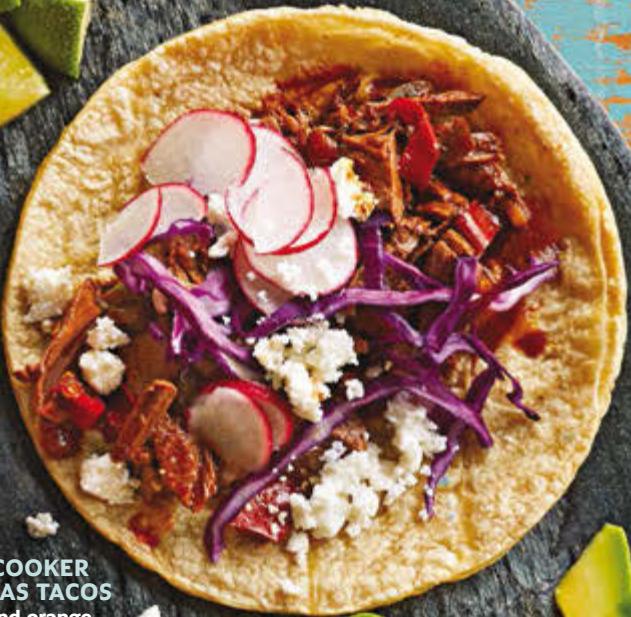
GRILLED STEAK FAJITAS

A steak, a three-ingredient marinade, a few veggies and tortillas heated right on the grill. Boom.

For recipes, see page 78.

**GARLICKY
FISH TACOS**
Pan-fried tilapia
drizzled with garlic
butter and lime juice.

**BEER-BRAISED
BRISKET TACOS**
Fork-tender meat
richly seasoned with
oregano, cinnamon
and coriander.



**SLOW-COOKER
CARNITAS TACOS**
Cumin- and orange-
perfumed pulled pork
with crispy fried
edges.



SECRET

Think outside the crunch

Like Chicago deep-dish, the crispy-shelled, ground beef taco is a wholly American creation. So here are the rules for a Mexican taco: The tortilla should be soft and warm, the toppers few and fresh, and the meat or fish absolutely succulent.

**THREE
WAYS**
to dress
your taco

UNO As long as you start with a great taco filling, all you really need as garnish are cilantro, finely chopped onion and a wedge of lime. This trio is the little black dress of taco toppers. Goes with anything.

DOS If you want to have a little more fun without doing much work, other easy-yet-authentic veggies include shredded cabbage, radish, jicama or avocado. From the dairy case, try queso fresco or crema.

TRES Feeling ambitious? It's quick-pickle time. Combine a sliced red onion with a generous pour of cider vinegar, a spoonful of brown sugar, toasted cumin seeds and a bit of salt. Let sit at room temp for an hour before serving. (Or turn the page for our easy salsa ideas.)

MARKET DICTIONARY

CHIPOTLES

(che-POHT-lays)

These now-ubiquitous peppers are actually smoked jalapeños. Our recipes use canned chipotles in adobo sauce. Finely chop any leftovers, and freeze them with their sauce in a flattened zip-top bag. Break off a chunk any time you want to add smoky heat to a meal.



CREMA (KREH-muh)

Depending on the brand, crema varies in viscosity from pourable to spoonable. Salty and tangy, it tastes great on tacos or nachos.



JICAMA (HEE-kah-mah)

Like a water chestnut, this bulbous root is more about texture than flavor. Peel it first, then slice into matchsticks or slivers to add refreshing crunch to slaws, salads and tacos. It's also good on veggie trays.



QUESO FRESCO (KAY-soh

FRES-coh)

The most common Mexican cheese is bright white and salty, sort of like feta, but less pungent. It doesn't melt well, so use it on salads or as a taco topper.



TOMATILLO (tohm-ah-TEE-

oh)

This tart cousin to the tomato puts the green in salsa verde. Tomatillos can be eaten raw or cooked. Store them in a paper bag in the fridge. Remove the papery husk and wash well before using.



SECRET

Pamper your tortillas

Flour tortillas can be gummy in enchiladas, but corn crack easily and can turn mealy. Solution: A quick dip in hot oil tenderizes corn tortillas for easy rolling and creates a barrier from the moist filling, so they retain their shape.



MEXICAN CITRUS SALAD WITH AVOCADO

A crunchy, juicy, sweet, salty, tart, buttery, nutty potluck dazzler.



SWEET POTATO AND BLACK BEAN ENCHILADAS

Doctored with onion, chili powder and cocoa, canned sauce becomes a stepping-stone to something deeper.



THREE WAYS
to warm tortillas

UNO The microwave. Wrapping tortillas in damp paper towels before zapping them helps stave off dry or rubbery results, but even so, this method should only be used in acts of weeknight desperation.

DOS A better technique is wrapping the stack in foil and heating it on the grill or in a 350° oven for about 10 minutes. The tortillas will warm more evenly, without the leathery or cardboardy pitfalls of the microwave.

TRES You can mimic toasty handmade tortillas by warming purchased ones (the freshest you can find) in a hot skillet, 15 seconds per side. Aim for a few brown spots. Wrap warm tortillas in a towel and foil as you go so they stay soft.

WE ASKED

What's the trick to knockout guacamole?



At Barrio Tequila Bar and its sister restaurants in Minneapolis, each kitchen

goes through 50,000 avocados a year. Here's exec chef Bill Fairbanks' hard-earned guac wisdom.

Is there a secret to picking a good avocado?

If possible, go shopping a day or two in advance. That way you have a little more leeway on whether you need to ripen it yourself at home. When you squeeze it, the big key is having the avocado give a little without feeling very soft. Use Hass grown in Mexico, and if you have a choice, the more pear-shape avocados with longer necks have higher fat content. The higher the fat content, the better the guacamole.

What's your magic guacamole formula?

Freshly grated garlic, finely chopped onion, seeded and diced Fresno chili, fresh-squeezed lime juice, avocados and salt. I like to see some chunks, but you don't want to be pulling half avocados from your guacamole.

Wait, no tomato?

I do like it both ways, but I find that tomato waters down the end product.

What if I wanted to jazz up my guacamole?

Chopped fresh tomatillos can be nice because of the acid they bring, and I always think any kind of shellfish goes great on top of guacamole.



PICK-A-FILLING

TAMALES
Rotisserie chicken, melty cheese or spicy chorizo? Your choice.

SECRET

Invite an amigo

Tamales are easy—as long as you have extra hands. That's why in Mexico, most women do it with family. So team up with a friend or two and arrange an assembly line to make 40 or more. Then freeze 'em, so you can pull out a few at a time for meals.

WE ASKED

What, exactly, goes in tamales?

German and Angelica Tejeda of Tamale's Industry in Des Moines demystify the famous corn-husk bundles.

Let's start with the corn stuff inside. All tamales (tuh-MAH-lays) contain a base of masa, which is Spanish for dough. Most people make their masa with purchased masa harina (corn flour), but we soak dried corn in lime ourselves and grind it. Even my mom in

Mexico says no one does it this way now.

And the filling that goes on the masa? Pork or chicken is popular, but it's regional. On the Pacific Coast, they put in shrimp. In Sonora, they do beef with olives and jalapeños. When we came here, we did spinach. With sour cream and green salsa, it's delicious.

How do you roll it? Soak the husks in water to soften them, put on the masa and filling, fold over the long sides and fold over one end. We leave

one end open and steam them upright. You can tie them, but we don't because it takes too long!

Be honest. You must see people get confused about how to eat tamales, right?

Oh yeah, we've seen people try and eat it out of the husk like a banana, or the biggest thing is we see a lot of people sit here and put salsa right on the top of the husk. You have to open the tamal* first!

*Yep, in Spanish the singular is tamal.

YOU'RE INVITED

Have you ever been in a quiet Mexican restaurant that was decorated in soft neutrals? Didn't think so. For Cinco de Mayo or any time, here's how to turn a party into a fiesta.

Turn up the volume

Nothing sets the mood like a little *música*, so let the free website Pandora curate a station to get you groovin' in the kitchen. For peppy folk tunes, plug in Sones de México, a Chicago-based, Grammy-nominated group that uses dozens of traditional instruments. For a taste of Latin pop, cue up Maná, a rock band that's been an international fixture since the '90s and just released a huge single, "Mi Verdad," with Shakira.

Embrace kitsch

Chili-pepper Christmas lights may not be properly Mexican, but exuberant color and a taste for kitsch are. So by all means, spread a striped poncho on the table or trot out a donkey piñata. For just a few bucks, we made armfuls of fluffy tissue paper flowers. Learn how at midwestliving.com/paperflowers. **M&L**

SECRET

Step away from the plastic lime

The fastest way to downgrade a margarita (or any drink) isn't cheap tequila; it's bottled lime juice. Dig out that squeezer and pull up your sleeves. It's worth it.

HORCHATA
Rice milk simmered with cinnamon and almond extract. Seductively sweet and super authentic.

CUCUMBER AGUA FRESCA

Cucumber, lime, water and sugar make for a shockingly refreshing nonalcoholic sipper.

FROZEN STRAWBERRY-MANGO MARGARITA

Smoothie bar meets cantina. Enough said.

TRES LECHES CAKE

Brown-sugar sheet cake that's soaked in milky syrup, chilled, then topped with whipped cream and berries. A Mexican standard and guaranteed backyard crowd-pleaser.
For recipes, see page 78.

Legends and landmarks. Jazz and jamborees. Missouri getaways let the whole family get their kicks on Route 66 and their licks at a classic ice cream parlor. Whether you soar to the top of the Arch or rediscover Twain's tall tales, it's all here, so this summer ...

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(From top)
The Cat's Pajamas
performs at Music
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at Stone Hill Winery,
Hermann. Statues and
fountains fill Kansas
City's Country
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(From top) Always inspiring (and free), Kansas City's Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. A replica of Charles Lindbergh's famed *Spirit of St. Louis* at the Missouri History Museum, St. Louis.

Enjoy the ART

Two world-class cities inspire with distinguished museums, striking architecture and fabulous theaters.

Kansas City: creative culture

One of Claes Oldenburg's contemporary sculptures, *Shuttlecocks*, sits outside The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art near Rodin's 1880 *The Thinker*. That juxtaposition of modern humor and serious tradition represents KC's cultural scene in a tangible way. Five minutes from the Nelson-Atkins, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art's lineup includes works by de Kooning and Mapplethorpe. Then there's the mix of highbrow and shopping in the 1922 Spanish-style Country Club Plaza, featuring several of the city's signature fountains. But it's the skyline that gets the attention (when there isn't a performance on) beyond the mostly glass facade at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. That view takes in the 217-foot-tall Liberty Memorial Tower at the National World War I Museum.

St. Louis: legendary landmarks

In preparation for the Gateway Arch's golden anniversary (October 28), the grounds are undergoing a major face-lift. Learn about the Arch and purchase tickets at the Old Courthouse before riding a tram to the top of the Arch for views in all directions. The nearby swath of green is the 1,300 acres of Forest Park (site of the 1904 World's Fair), home to free attractions including the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Missouri History Museum, the Saint Louis Science Center and the Saint Louis Zoo. As the sky darkens, catch a performance of splashy musicals like *My Fair Lady* (June 15–21) and *Hairspray* (June 23–30) at the park's outdoor Muny theater.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Artsfest: Springfield, May 2–3

Live music and dancing add to the creativity when 140 artists show work along downtown's Walnut Street. The Kid's Art Zone keeps little ones busy.

International Museum Days: Weston, May 16–17

Marvel at luminous silk tapestries and discover how this lost art led to the Information Age at the National Silk Art Museum.

Benton and Friends: St. Joseph, June 12–September 13

Admire this Missouri painter's distinctive style and works of his contemporaries at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art.

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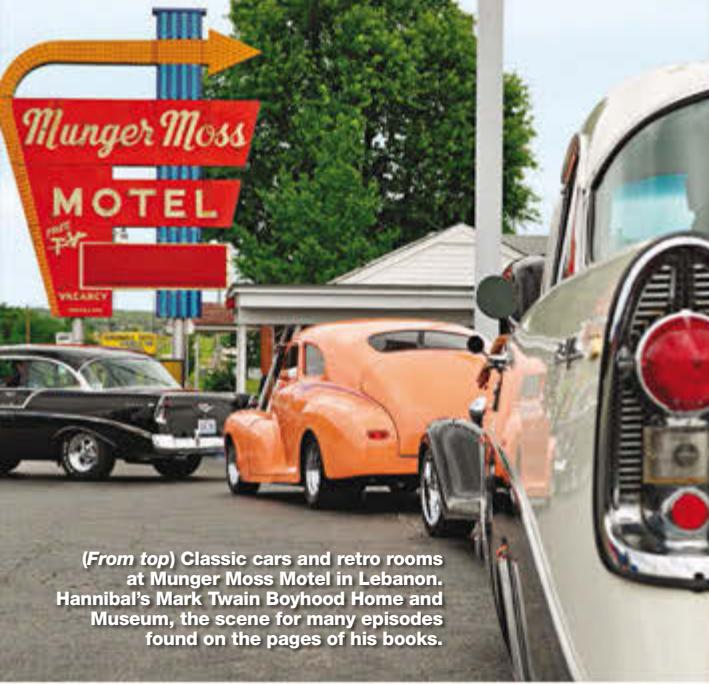


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Enjoy the LEGENDS



(From top) Classic cars and retro rooms at Munger Moss Motel in Lebanon. Hannibal's Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum, the scene for many episodes found on the pages of his books.

Explore a rich heritage that includes a stretch of America's most famous two-lane road and a much-beloved author.

Route 66: kicks galore

Celebrated in film, story and song, this scenic two-lane road runs 280 miles through Missouri. Neon signs, kitschy statues, roadside menageries and themed motor courts flourished until interstates drew traffic away.

The stretch from St. Louis to Joplin features some of the route's most iconic attractions and landmarks, and towns along the way capture the charm of its heyday. Lebanon's Route 66 Museum re-creates a vintage gas station, and in Springfield, an annual festival celebrates the birthplace of the Mother Road (August 14–16). Download an audio tour from Pulaski County (home to the Old Stagecoach Stop, now a museum in downtown Waynesville), stop for ice cream and memorabilia at SuperTam in Carterville, and walk or drive by Bonnie and Clyde's apartment hideout (a private residence) in Joplin.

Hannibal: tales of Tom Sawyer

Mark Twain's novels come to life when you tour his boyhood home to see the window he snuck out of, the fence he persuaded others to whitewash and the cave he explored. Two hours north of St. Louis, this Mississippi River town is now an enclave for artists and craftspeople. Learn more of the town's history during narrated tours aboard the *Mark Twain Riverboat* and Hannibal Trolley Co. The trolley's step-on, step-off tour ends downtown, where artists' galleries and studios like Ayers Pottery occupy 19th-century brick buildings.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Fort D Days: Cape Girardeau, May 23–25

Rifles crack and cannons fire as reenactors salute fallen soldiers at John Wesley Powell's Fort D Historic Site, an earthen Civil War fort.

French Festival: Ste. Genevieve, June 13

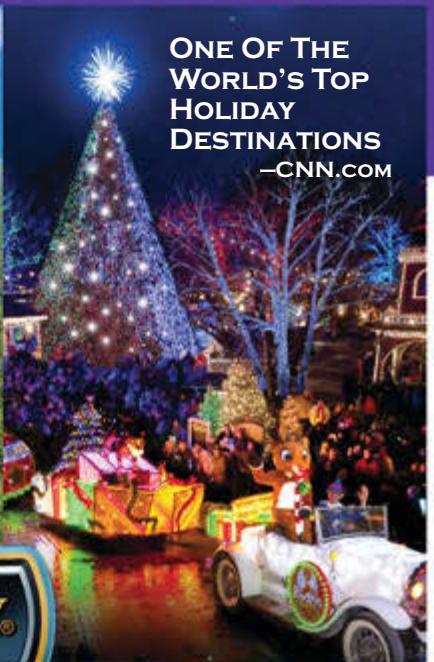
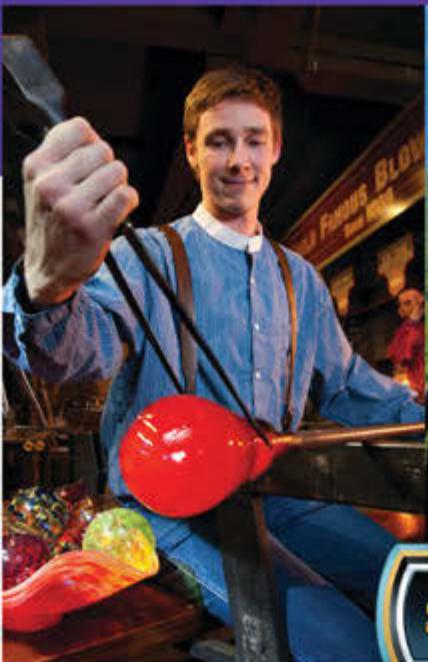
Bygone days unfold with parades and home tours in the town that boasts the largest concentration of French Colonial architecture in the U.S.

A State Divided: The Civil War in Missouri; Kearney, ends June 14

Learn how the Civil War fueled an outlaw's fury long after the conflict was over at the Jesse James Farm and Museum.



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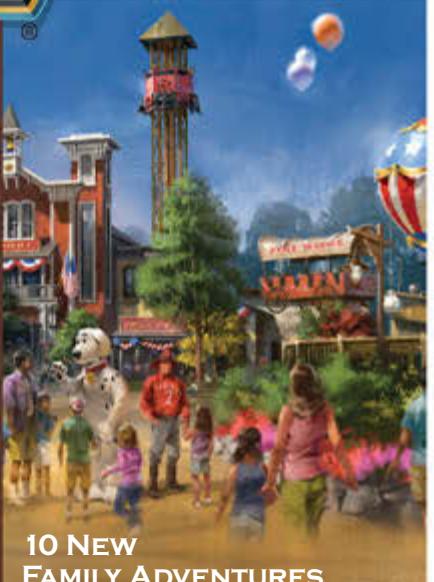
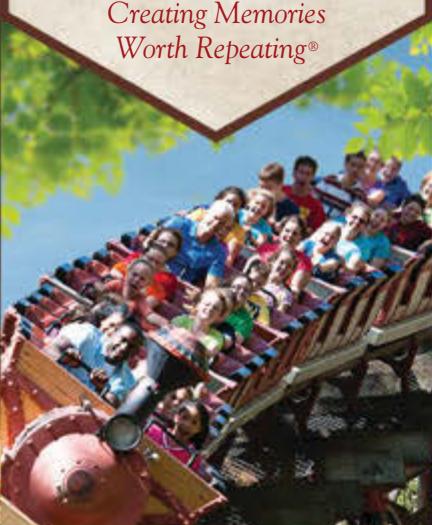
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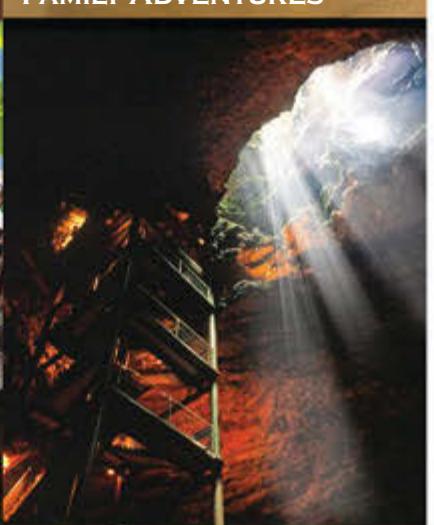
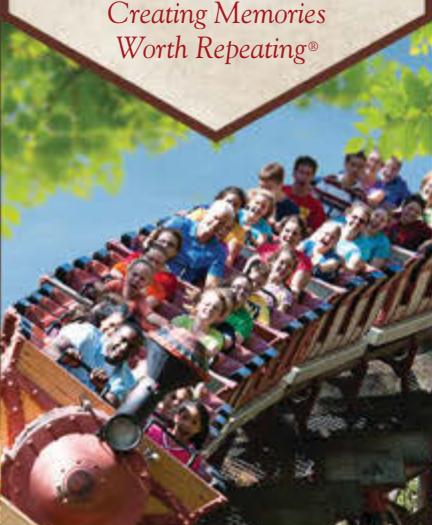
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Jefferson City and Columbia: destination dining

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Hermann: heart of Missouri wine country

German immigrants planted the state's first vineyards in the picture-book town of Hermann (80 miles west of St. Louis). Learn how deep those roots go at Deutschtown State Historic Site. Taste the results at seven family-owned wineries (including Stone Hill) on the Hermann Wine Trail, which runs from the Missouri River to New Haven. Delve into the important role Italian immigrants played farther south in St. James, where you can sample award-winning varieties at St. James Winery, the state's largest specializing in regional wines.

(From top) At Central Dairy in Jefferson City, two generous scoops cost \$2.75. A winemaker checks clarity at Stone Hill Winery, where tours include a tasting.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

The Vaile Mansion's Strawberry Festival: Independence, June 6
Shop for antiques and crafts from almost 100 dealers while sampling strawberry treats at a Victorian mansion.

Boulevardia: Kansas City, June 19–21
Beer, food and music get equal attention at this Father's Day weekend craft brewery festival in the West Bottoms (12th Street viaduct).

Farmers Market of the Ozarks: Springfield, through December
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Enjoy the MUSIC



(From top) Kansas City's entertainment district encompasses nine city blocks. Rhonda Vincent performs during Bluegrass and BBQ, one of Silver Dollar City's festivals (May 7–25).



UPCOMING EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival: Sedalia, June 3–6

Listen to catchy old-time ragtime piano tunes by top players. The festival honors the state's famous composer.

The state's rich legacy of jazz, blues and down-home country produces an ever-evolving music scene for all genres.

Kansas City: all that jazz

America's great art form originated in New Orleans, but as African-Americans moved north, so did the sound that became known as the Kansas City style. Spend an afternoon at the highly interactive American Jazz Museum listening to recordings of jazz masters, mixing your own sounds and learning the history of the 18th and Vine area (just east of downtown). Stay for one of the Blue Room's evening performances, or head out to the lively nightlife in and around downtown, Westport and the Crossroads Arts District. You'll find headliners at the Sprint Center (in the heart of the Kansas City Power and Light entertainment district), up-and-coming artists in dive bars, and rollicking bands in the East Bottoms.

Branson: the Live Music Show Capital of the World

A huge limestone cave and a replica of an 1880s village first attracted visitors to Silver Dollar City. Here, in the southwest Ozarks town of Branson, cave tours are still included with your ticket, but the village is now an extensive theme park with live performances, thrill rides, crafts and seasonal festivals. Highway-76 swelled with theaters in the late '60s after two long-time productions (the Presleys' Country Jubilee and the Baldknobbers Jamboree) opened. That's when country music ruled, but now you'll find classical cellists, Irish dancers, biblical stories and Beatles tribute bands at more than 40 theaters presenting multiple shows daily.

Missouri Chamber Music Festival (MOCM): Webster Groves, June 15–21 In its fifth season, MOCM brings to life the nuances and elegance of performances by small ensembles.

Once: Kansas City, June 16–21 Haunting love songs lift up this award-winning Broadway show about the power of music at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.

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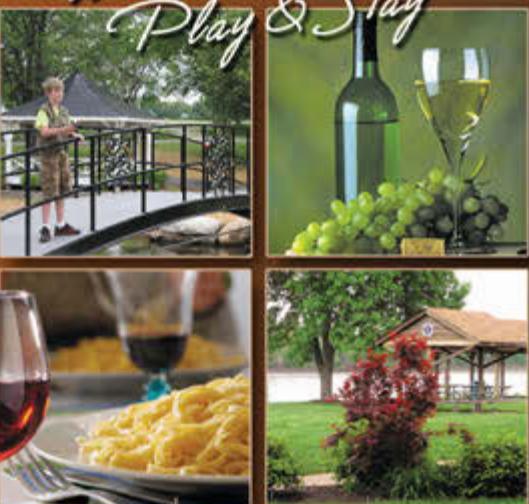
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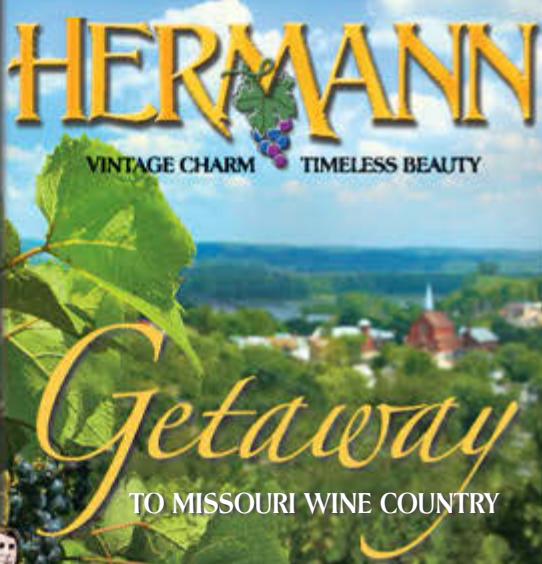
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- R. Woolery Memorial Pow-Wow - July 17-19
- Chamber 4th of July Celebration, MO State Fairgrounds - July 4
- Missouri State Fair - Aug. 13 - 17
- Historic District Criterium under the lights - August 22
- Chamber Piccadilly Gala - Sept 17
- Queen of the Prairies Festival of the Arts - September 26
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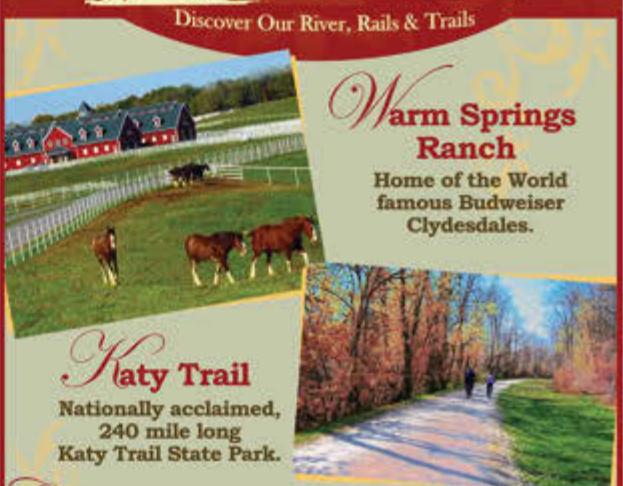
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MEXICAN NIGHT

Sweet Potato and Black Bean Enchiladas

HANDS ON 35 minutes

TOTAL 1 hour 20 minutes

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup finely chopped onion
 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons chili powder
 1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder
 1 19-ounce can enchilada sauce
 $2\frac{3}{4}$ cups peeled and cubed sweet potato
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup fresh or frozen whole kernel corn, thawed
 1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
 2 cups fresh spinach, chopped
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped fresh cilantro
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cumin
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon garlic powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
 Vegetable oil, for frying
 10 6-inch corn tortillas
 Thinly sliced green onions
 Sour cream

- Preheat oven to 400°. For sauce: In a medium saucepan, cook onion in 2 teaspoons hot oil over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until just tender; add chili powder and cocoa, stirring to coat. Stir in enchilada sauce. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low, cover and keep warm.
- For filling: In a medium saucepan, cover sweet potato with cold water. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until tender when pierced with a fork, adding corn during the last 3 minutes of cooking. Drain well. Transfer to a large bowl; add beans. Slightly mash the mixture with a fork. Fold in the spinach, cilantro, cumin and garlic powder. Stir in $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of the cheese.
- Heat a medium skillet over medium heat; add enough oil to coat the bottom. Flash fry each tortilla until flexible, about 5 seconds per side, adding oil as necessary. Divide the filling among the tortillas. Roll up and place side by side, seam-side down, in a greased 2-quart rectangular baking dish.
- Lightly brush the tops with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sauce. Bake, uncovered, for 20 to 25 minutes, or until heated through. Pour sauce over the enchiladas (how much

depends on how saucy you like them) and bake for 5 minutes more. Top with remaining cheese and the green onions. Let stand 10 minutes before serving with sour cream. **Makes 10 servings.**

Per serving: 250 cal, 13 g fat, 24 mg chol, 822 mg sodium, 27 g carbo, 7 g fiber, 9 g pro.

Horchata

Traditionally, this sweet drink is made by soaking rice (and sometimes blanched almonds, too) overnight in water, then pureeing and straining the mixture. Our shortcut version uses purchased rice milk, and we could barely tell it apart from the real deal in side-by-side tests. A combo of almond and rice milk would also be good.

TOTAL 15 minutes

4 cups unsweetened rice milk
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
 1 3-inch cinnamon stick
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon almond extract
 Ice cubes

In a large saucepan, bring rice milk, sugar, cinnamon stick and almond extract to a simmer over medium heat. Cook, stirring, until sugar dissolves and mixture is aromatic, about 5 minutes. Serve hot, or let cool and serve over ice. **Makes 4 servings.**

Per serving: 170 cal, 3 g fat, 0 mg chol, 100 mg sodium, 36 g carbo, 0 g fiber, 1 g pro.

Cucumber Agua Fresca

TOTAL 40 minutes

8 medium cucumbers (about 10 ounces each)
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups cold water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lime juice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey or sugar
 Ice cubes
 Thin cucumber slices

- Peel cucumbers, halve them lengthwise and scrape out seeds with a spoon. Slice into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-thick slices.
- In a blender, puree about one-third of the cucumber and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water until smooth. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a large bowl. Discard solids. Repeat twice with remaining cucumber and water. Add lime juice and honey to the cucumber water, and transfer mixture to a pitcher. (Chill if time permits.) Serve over ice, garnished with cucumber slices. **Makes 6 servings.**

Per serving: 132 cal, 1 g fat, 0 mg chol, 11 mg sodium, 32 g carbo, 3 g fiber, 2 g pro.

Frozen Strawberry-Mango Margarita

TOTAL 10 minutes

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup gold (oro) tequila
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup orange liqueur
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lime juice
 2 tablespoons sugar
 2 cups frozen mango chunks
 2 cups frozen unsweetened whole strawberries
 2 cups ice cubes

In a blender, puree tequila, orange liqueur, lime juice, sugar, mango and strawberries. With the blender running, add ice cubes, one at a time, through opening in lid until mixture becomes slushy. **Makes 5 servings.**

Per serving: 176 cal, 0 g fat, 0 mg chol, 3 mg sodium, 26 g carbo, 3 g fiber, 1 g pro.

Garlicky Fish Tacos

TOTAL 35 minutes

$\frac{1}{2}$ pounds fresh or frozen skinless tilapia or snapper fillets
 2 tablespoons fresh minced garlic
 1 tablespoon minced shallot
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
 Salt
 Ground black pepper
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup snipped fresh cilantro
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup snipped fresh flat-leaf Italian parsley
 2 tablespoons lime juice
 16 6-inch corn or flour tortillas, warmed
 Assorted toppers (see page 72)

- Thaw fish, if frozen. Rinse fish and pat dry. In a small saucepan, cook garlic and shallot in the butter and 1 tablespoon of the oil until garlic is just beginning to turn golden brown, about 6 minutes. Remove from heat; set aside.
- Season fish with salt and pepper. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook fish, half at a time, for 4 to 6 minutes or until fish flakes with a fork, turning once. Add oil as needed.
- Return all fish to pan and break it into bite-size pieces with a fork. Top with the garlic butter, cilantro and parsley. Toss gently to combine. Drizzle with lime juice and season to taste with salt. Serve with tortillas and assorted toppers. **Makes 8 servings.**

Per serving: 223 cal, 9 g fat, 50 mg chol, 126 mg sodium, 17 g carbo, 3 g fiber, 19 g pro.

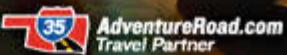
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Beer-Braised Brisket Tacos

HANDS ON 25 minutes

TOTAL 2 hours 55 minutes

1 3-pound beef brisket, trimmed of fat
Salt
Ground black pepper
4 to 6 teaspoons ground ancho or New Mexico chile pepper or chili powder, divided
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green sweet pepper
1 cup chopped red sweet pepper
6 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 14.5-ounce can diced tomatoes with green chiles, undrained
1 cup dark Mexican beer or desired beer
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon dried Mexican oregano or dried oregano, crushed
1 3-inch cinnamon stick
1 tablespoon stemmed, seeded and finely chopped fresh jalapeño pepper
24 6-inch corn or flour tortillas, warmed
Assorted toppers (see page 72)

1. Preheat oven to 325°. Season brisket all over with salt, pepper and 2 teaspoons ground chile pepper.
2. Brown brisket on both sides in hot oil in a 4-quart Dutch oven over medium heat. Transfer brisket to a plate.
3. Add the onion, red and green sweet peppers, and garlic to the Dutch oven. Cook and stir for 3 minutes. Add the cumin, coriander and remaining 2 to 4 teaspoons chili powder, stirring to coat vegetables. Stir in the tomatoes, beer, cocoa powder, oregano, cinnamon stick and jalapeño. Bring to boiling.
4. Return the brisket to the Dutch oven, spooning some of the vegetables over the meat. Bake, covered, for 2½ to 2¾ hours, turning brisket after 1½ hours. Remove from oven when meat is fork tender. Transfer brisket to a cutting board, reserving vegetables in Dutch oven. Remove and discard cinnamon stick. Slice brisket against the grain, then coarsely chop. Stir meat back into vegetables. Serve with tortillas and assorted toppers. **Makes 12 servings.**

Per serving: 180 cal, 10 g fat, 36 mg chol, 142 mg sodium, 9 g carbo, 1 g fiber, 12 g pro.

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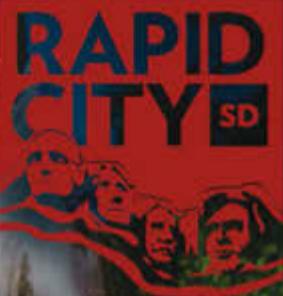


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DO BIG THINGS



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Pick-a-Filling Tamales

There are many ways to roll tamales; our instructions are a start point, and you'll figure out what works for you. (If you get stumped, there are great how-tos online.) Buy extra husks in case any are unusable.

HANDS ON 1 hour 15 minutes

TOTAL 3 hours 15 minutes

1/2 cup shortening, chilled (4 ounces)
1/2 cup unsalted butter, chilled
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
3 1/2 cups masa harina
2 cups chicken or beef broth
2 teaspoons chili powder (optional)
40 corn husks
 Chicken, Chorizo or Cheese filling (recipes follow)

- For masa: In a large bowl, beat shortening, butter, salt and baking powder with an electric mixer on medium speed about 2 minutes or until smooth. Alternately add masa harina and broth, beating until mixture is a thick, creamy paste. (Add chili powder at this time, if using.) Chill, covered, for 1 hour.
- Meanwhile, in a large bowl, cover the corn husks with boiling water and place a plate over them as a weight to keep them submerged. Let stand 30 to 45 minutes or until soft and pliable. Drain well; pat dry.
- To assemble: Lay a corn husk flat with the narrow end pointing away from you. Spread about 2 tablespoons of the masa into a roughly 3x4-inch rectangle, with the 3-inch side closest to you, leaving a 1-inch border of husk at the bottom and a couple inches on the sides. Spoon 1 rounded tablespoon of Chicken, Chorizo or Cheese filling down center of masa. Fold the right or left side of the husk over the masa and filling to meet the opposite side, so the masa covers the filling. Fold over again, to create a long tube. Fold what had been the narrow end of the husk back toward you, over the tamale, and lay the tamale folded-side down on a platter. (The side that had been closest to you will remain open.) Repeat to make about 40 tamales. If you'd like to tie the folded end in place, tear a few husks into strips for knotting around the tamales.
- To steam: Pour enough water into the bottom of an extra-large Dutch oven to reach a depth of 1 1/2 inches. Bring to boil. Stand tamales upright in a steamer

basket (if desired, place a cone-shape ball of foil in the center of the basket). Don't pack them too tightly, but fill the space. Carefully place basket in Dutch oven over boiling water. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and steam for 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours or until masa is spongy and cooked through (easily pulls away from the husk). Uncover and let stand 10 minutes before serving. **Makes 20 servings.**

Chicken filling In a large saucepan, cook 1 cup finely chopped onion in 1 teaspoon hot olive oil over medium-high heat for 3 minutes. Carefully add 3/4 cup canned tomato sauce and 3 tablespoons taco seasoning mix. Cook, stirring constantly, for 3 minutes or until thickened. Stir in 2 1/2 cups finely shredded cooked chicken, 1/2 cup chicken broth and one undrained 4-ounce can of diced green chiles. Cook and stir until heated through. Cool to room temperature before using.

Chorizo filling In a large skillet, cook 1 pound chorizo sausage over medium-high heat until browned; drain. If necessary, pulse in a food processor until the pieces are pea-size. Follow the Chicken filling recipe, omitting the broth and chicken and using 1/2 cup tomato sauce and 1 tablespoon taco seasoning mix.

Cheese filling In a large bowl, toss together 3 cups shredded Monterey Jack or pepper Jack cheese, 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour and 2 tablespoons taco seasoning mix. Stir in two drained 4-ounce cans diced green chiles.

Per serving (with chicken): 210 cal, 12 g fat, 28 mg chol, 529 mg sodium, 19 g carbo, 2 g fiber, 8 g pro.

No-Cook Salsa Verde

HANDS ON 15 minutes

TOTAL 15 minutes, plus 30 minutes to chill

12 ounces fresh tomatillos, husks removed, rinsed and quartered
1/2 cup fresh cilantro
2 green onions, coarsely chopped
1 fresh jalapeño pepper, seeded (if desired) and coarsely chopped
1/2 avocado, seeded and peeled
1 clove garlic
2 tablespoons lime juice
1/2 teaspoon salt

Puree all ingredients in a blender or food processor until smooth. Chill, covered, for at least 30 minutes or up to 24 hours. Stir before serving. **Makes 8 servings.**

Per serving: 45 cal, 2 g fat, 0 mg chol, 148 mg sodium, 4 g carbo, 2 g fiber, 1 g pro.

Spicy Queso Blanco

This dip is runny right off the stove (great for drizzling over nachos or tacos), then thickens as it cools (perfect for dipping). It will eventually get very thick, so consider serving it in a slow cooker set to warm.

HANDS ON 15 minutes

TOTAL 25 minutes

8 ounces white American cheese, cut into 1/2-inch pieces*
1 cup half-and-half or light cream
4 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
1 4- to 4.5-ounce can diced green chiles, drained
1/4 cup chopped jarred pickled jalapeño slices, plus 2 to 3 teaspoons of the juice

In a small saucepan, cook the American cheese and half-and-half over medium heat, stirring until smooth. Gradually whisk in the Monterey Jack. Stir in the green chiles, jalapeño and the juice. Cook and stir for 2 minutes more. Serve warm. **Makes 13 servings.**

***Tip** Look for white American cheese at the deli counter.

Per serving: 116 cal, 8 g fat, 28 mg chol, 343 mg sodium, 3 g carbo, 0 g fiber, 6 g pro.

Blackened Tomato Salsa

HANDS ON 10 minutes

TOTAL 25 minutes

1 1/4 pounds roma tomatoes (about 7)
2 tablespoons olive oil
4 cloves garlic, peeled and halved
6 tablespoons chopped green onion
2 canned chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, plus 1 to 3 teaspoons adobo sauce
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 Salt

1. On a rimmed baking sheet, broil the tomatoes 3- to 4-inches from the heat for 8 to 10 minutes, turning once, until skins are lightly charred. Add oil and garlic; toss to coat. Broil about 5 minutes more or until garlic is soft and tomato skins are blackened. Cool in pan on a wire rack.

2. Transfer tomatoes, garlic and any juices to a food processor or blender. Add onion, chipotles, adobo sauce and vinegar. Puree until nearly smooth. Season to taste with salt. **Makes 12 servings.**

Per serving: 45 cal, 2 g fat, 0 mg chol, 80 mg sodium, 5 g carbo, 1 g fiber, 1 g pro.

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The tree-covered hills of the Appalachian region step down to the green fields of Amish country that yields to the yard lines of Canton, the glittering arts scene of Cleveland and Toledo along slate blue Lake Erie. The Buckeye State covers a lot of terrain, which makes for your choice of only-in-Ohio experiences. Here are 20 of the best.

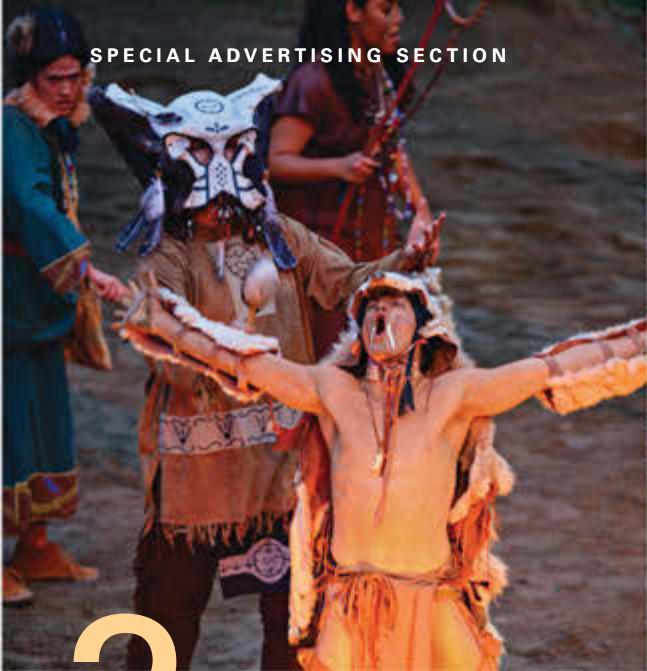


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1 THE APPALACHIANS, SOUTHERN AND EASTERN OHIO

They call them foothills, but the sweeping views of old-growth forest, bubbling creeks and rivers, and rolling farmland make the ridges in Ohio's Appalachian region feel more like mountains. Multiple destinations, including the Edge of Appalachia Preserve (shown) and Brush Creek State Park, pull you into the beauty of this 32-county region. Up-close views come on numerous hiking trails, and three-state views come on the top of Observation Point.

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WEDNESDAY ORIGINALS, COLUMBUS

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WINE REGION, LAKE ERIE

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6 **FIRSTENERGY ALL-AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY, AKRON**

Gravity-powered soap box racers reach up to 35 mph at Akron's Derby Downs, home of the world championship event since 1936. Kids, better known as champs on the soap box circuit, and their cars are the stars of this celebration (July 19–25). Spectators cheer on the racers at a parade through downtown where contestants show off their official race wear, at an introduction ceremony when champs shower the crowd with trinkets and at practice runs leading up to race day.

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8 **GLASS PAVILION,
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9 **GERMAN VILLAGE, COLUMBUS**

This 2-mile-long sliver of brick streets and 19th-century working-class cottages is a thriving revival of Columbus' heritage. (By 1865, a third of the city's population was German.) Brick homes, tiny gardens, and dozens of retail and dining options—including Schmidt's, which has been serving spaetzle and schnitzel since 1967—pack this district just blocks from the Statehouse. Tour the neighborhood during the über-popular Haus und Garten Tour (June 28), or try an architectural scavenger hunt (one of 10 guided tours starting at the visitors center).

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NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER, CINCINNATI

Textile art tells the story of slaves making their way north to the Ohio River, which marked the border between slavery and freedom. Today the northern bank of the river houses a state-of-the-art museum with interactive exhibits and a slave pen that delivers an emotional punch.



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MERRY-GO-ROUNDS, SANDUSKY

Two nearby destinations offer classic carousel rides. At Cedar Point, Midway Carousel, the theme park's longest-running ride, has been dizzying guests since 1946. But master carver Daniel Muller (and his brother) hand-carved the 60 horses and chariots more than a century ago. Or take a spin on the carousel at the Merry-Go-Round Museum (*above*).

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TOPIARY GARDEN, COLUMBUS

Seurat's pointillist picnic scene *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte* comes to life on a 7-acre canvas with the painting's picnickers re-created in yew topiary. Follow suit with a picnic—specialty grocer Hills Market is a short walk—accompanied by jazz, courtesy of the Jazz Arts Group, on the second Saturday afternoon, May through September.

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THE WILDS, CUMBERLAND

If an African safari is on your bucket list, the opportunity is closer than you might think. Track white rhinos, giraffes, zebras, and rare and endangered species in an open-air safari transport vehicle at North America's largest conservation center. Adults can overnight in one of 10 plush yurts at Nomad Ridge, which has sweeping views of animals gathering to drink from moonlit ponds.



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CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER AT UNION TERMINAL, CINCINNATI

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ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM, CLEVELAND

The city still rocks more than six decades after local DJ Alan Freed popularized the phrase *rock and roll* and hosted the first concert. Today, fans converge on the 20-year-old Rock Hall to see the world's largest collection of Beatles memorabilia, MJ's sequined glove and some of the scene's newer artists like The Black Keys and Lady Gaga. And Cleveland's live music tradition continues with the free Summer in the City Concert Series on the museum plaza.

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SHORT NORTH ARTS DISTRICT, COLUMBUS

Thousands head to High Street for Gallery Hop (the first Saturday of each month) to explore more than 20 galleries and exhibit spaces; the district's retail and dining spots stay open late to help absorb crowds. More neighborhood experiences include crafting wine at Camelot Cellars, tasting mead (honey wine) at Brothers Drake and indulging in ice cream at Jeni's.

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PERRY'S VICTORY AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE MEMORIAL, SOUTH BASS ISLAND

During the War of 1812, the Niagara held a pivotal role in the Battle of Lake Erie. Learn more when a replica of the tall ship docks this summer, or watch a short film in the visitors center. At the memorial, an elevator opens to the sky-high deck for views of neighboring islands. On Kelleys (the largest of Lake Erie's U.S. islands), a prehistoric gash in the limestone bedrock is the world's biggest and most accessible example of glacial grooves.

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AMISH COUNTRY, HOLMES COUNTY

Deepen your appreciation for this quiet life with a walk on the 29-mile Holmes County Trail, which shares space with black buggies from the country's largest Amish population. Or immerse yourself in the culture by overnighting in an Amish bed-and-breakfast. Before the sun peeks above the horizon, guests at The Farmstead Lodging are pitching in with chores like milking the Holstein herd of this dairy farm in Mt. Hope, an hour southwest of Akron. The reward is traditional Amish cream-filled pastries and, naturally, fresh milk.



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Grilled Steak Fajitas

Skirt steak, which is similar to flank, tastes best medium-rare, so pull it off the grill when it reaches 135°. (The temp will rise a few degrees more as the steak rests.)

HANDS ON 40 minutes

TOTAL 1 hour 20 minutes

½ cup red wine vinegar
 3 tablespoons fajita seasoning, divided*
 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, plus extra
 for brushing
 ½ pounds beef skirt steak, trimmed
 3 medium red, yellow, orange and/or
 green sweet peppers, halved and
 seeded
 7 green onions
 4 to 6 fresh jalapeño peppers
 14 to 16 6- to 8-inch flour tortillas
 Assorted toppers (such as cheese,
 sour cream or salsa; optional)

1. For marinade: Whisk together vinegar, 2 tablespoons each fajita seasoning and oil. Cut the steak into 6- to 8-inch sections. Marinate in the refrigerator for 30 to 60 minutes, turning occasionally.

2. Meanwhile, brush the sweet peppers,

green onions and jalapeños with oil and

season with 1 tablespoon fajita seasoning.

Wrap tortillas in heavy-duty foil.

3. Drain meat and discard marinade. Grill the meat, vegetables and tortilla packet directly over medium-high heat on a covered gas or charcoal grill. Turn the meat and vegetables occasionally and the tortillas every 2 minutes. Allow 8 to 10 minutes cooking time for the peppers, meat and tortillas and 2 to 3 minutes for the onions. As ingredients finish cooking, transfer them to a cutting board and tent with foil. While the meat rests for 5 minutes, slice the sweet peppers into thin strips, the jalapeños into rings and the onions into 1-inch pieces. Slice the meat diagonally against the grain into thin strips. Serve with tortillas and toppers. **Makes 14 servings.**

***Fajita seasoning** We like the ease of purchased fajita seasoning, but you can make your own. Mix 1½ tablespoons ground cumin, 1½ teaspoons dried oregano, ¾ teaspoon salt, ¾ teaspoon cayenne pepper, ¾ teaspoon ground black pepper, ½ teaspoon garlic powder and ½ teaspoon onion powder.

Per serving: 222 cal, 11 g fat, 32 mg chol, 323 mg sodium, 18 g carbo, 1 g fiber, 13 g pro.

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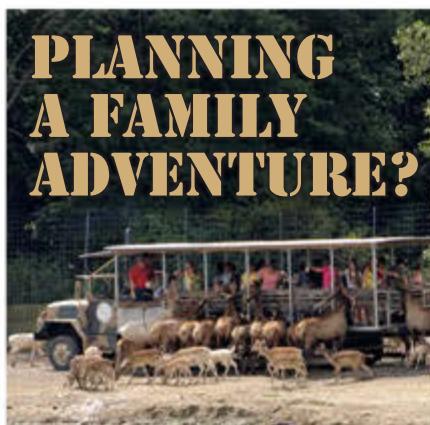
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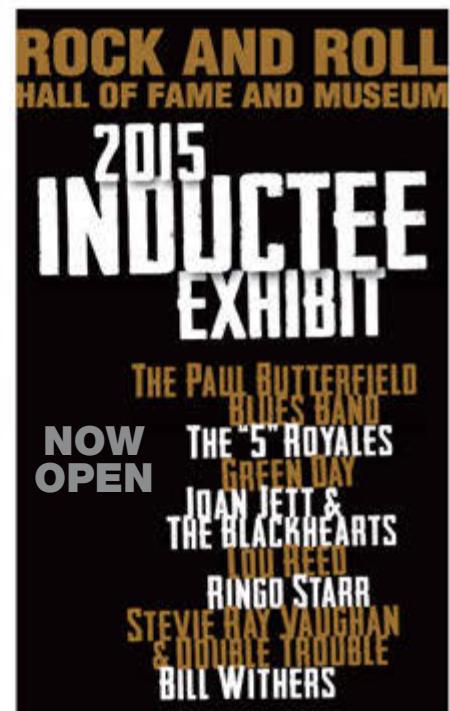
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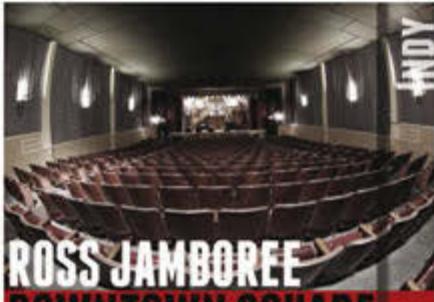
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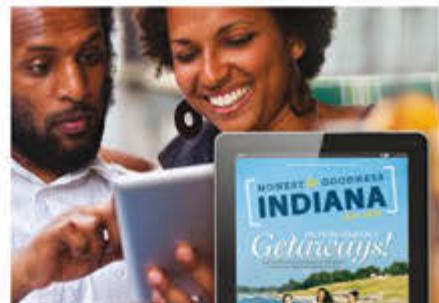
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Mexican Citrus Salad with Avocado

TOTAL 30 minutes

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh lime juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh orange juice
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon finely snipped flat-leaf Italian parsley
- 1 tablespoon minced shallot
- 1 tablespoon honey
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup bite-size strips peeled jicama
- 1 medium grapefruit, peeled and sectioned
- 1 medium orange, peeled and sectioned
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 avocado, halved, seeded and chopped
- 3 cups torn Boston or bibb lettuce
- 2 cups chopped romaine lettuce
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup pumpkin seeds (pepitas), toasted
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup crumbled queso fresco, soft goat cheese (*chèvre*) or feta cheese

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the lime and orange juice, oil, parsley, shallot and honey. Season with salt and pepper. Add the jicama, grapefruit, orange, red onion and avocado; toss gently to combine.
2. Combine the Boston and romaine lettuce in a serving bowl or on a platter. Spoon the dressed ingredients over the lettuce. Top with pumpkin seeds and queso fresco. **Makes 8 servings.**

Per serving: 227 cal, 17 g fat, 5 mg chol, 133 mg sodium, 16 g carbo, 4 g fiber, 7 g pro.

Slow-Cooker Carnitas Tacos

HANDS ON 15 minutes

TOTAL 20 minutes, plus 8 hours to slow-cook

- 1 2½- to 3-pound boneless pork shoulder roast, trimmed of fat
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon dried Mexican oregano or oregano, crushed
- $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped white onion
- 1 orange, quartered
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 18 6-inch corn or flour tortillas, warmed
- Assorted toppers (see page 72)

1. Cut meat into three pieces and place in a 3½- to 4-quart slow-cooker. Sprinkle all over with cumin, salt, oregano and

cayenne, and toss gently to coat. Add the onion. Squeeze the orange pieces over the pork; add orange pieces to cooker.

2. Cover and cook on low-heat setting for 8 to 10 hours or on high-heat setting for 4 to 5 hours. Remove meat from cooker. (Discard cooking liquid.) Cool meat slightly, then shred with two forks.
3. In a very large skillet, heat oil over high heat. Add half the pork, pressing into an even layer with a spatula. Cook for 1 minute or until crisp and browned. Turn and brown for 1 minute on the other side. Remove from skillet and repeat with remaining pork. Serve with tortillas and assorted toppers. **Makes 9 servings.**

Per serving: 260 cal, 8 g fat, 76 mg chol, 400 mg sodium, 15 g carbo, 1 g fiber, 30 g pro.

Tres Leches Cake

Tres leches means three milks and refers to the syrupy mixture of sweetened condensed milk, evaporated milk and cream that's poured over the cake.

HANDS ON 30 minutes

TOTAL 1 hour 5 minutes, plus 8 hours to chill

- 5 eggs
- 1 cup cake flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons baking powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup whole milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons vanilla
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 12-ounce can evaporated milk
- 2 cups whipping cream, divided
- 2 3-inch cinnamon sticks (optional)
- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
- Quartered strawberries (optional)

1. Separate eggs; allow egg whites and yolks to stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, in an extra-large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. In a large bowl, beat the egg yolks and granulated sugar with an electric mixer on high speed until yolks are pale yellow and doubled in size, about 3 minutes. Add whole milk and vanilla; beat 1 minute more. Pour yolk mixture over dry ingredients; fold together with a rubber spatula until combined.
3. Thoroughly wash and dry the large bowl and beaters, then beat egg whites on medium speed until soft peaks form (tips curl when beaters are lifted). Add

the brown sugar and continue beating until stiff peaks form (tips stand straight). Gently fold egg whites into the batter until just combined. Spread batter evenly in a greased 3-quart rectangular baking dish.

4. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan on a wire rack.
5. Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, combine the sweetened condensed milk, evaporated milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the whipping cream and the cinnamon sticks (if using). Bring just to boiling over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer gently, uncovered, for 15 to 20 minutes or until reduced to 3 cups, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. If the pan doesn't have a pour spout, transfer the mixture to a 4-cup measuring cup or small pitcher.
6. Using a paring knife or skewer, pierce the cake all over. Slowly pour half the milk mixture very evenly over the cake, going all the way to the edges. Wait 1 minute, then repeat with remaining milk. Let cake cool to room temperature, then chill, covered, for 8 to 24 hours.

7. To serve, beat the remaining 1½ cups cream and the powdered sugar with an electric mixer on medium to high speed until stiff peaks form. Spread whipped cream over cake. Top with strawberries, if desired. **Makes 12 servings.**

Per serving: 428 cal, 23 g fat, 153 mg chol, 204 mg sodium, 49 g carbo, 0 g fiber, 9 g pro.

Pineapple-Cucumber Pico de Gallo

For the best results, chop the fruit and vegetables evenly into a ¼-inch dice.

TOTAL 20 minutes

- 1 cup finely chopped fresh pineapple
- 1 cup finely chopped seeded English cucumber
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped orange sweet pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped red onion
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely snipped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon seeded and finely chopped fresh serrano or jalapeño pepper (optional)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt

Combine all ingredients and season to taste with salt. Chill, covered, up to 24 hours. **Makes 12 servings.**

Per serving: 12 cal, 0 g fat, 0 mg chol, 50 mg sodium, 3 g carbo, 0 g fiber, 0 g pro.

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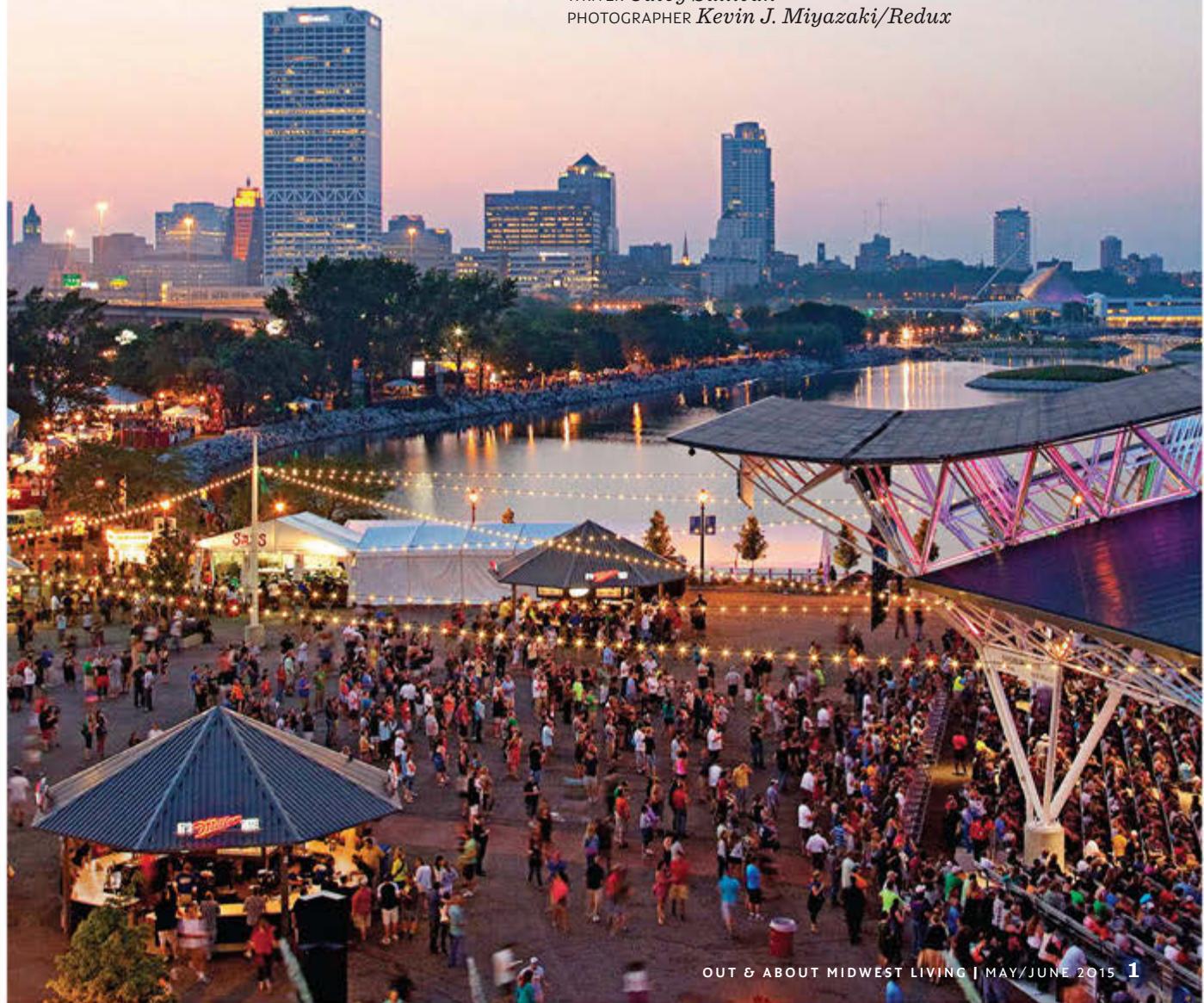
A RICH BREW OF CULTURE

A visit to Milwaukee reveals a city infused with—and enamored by—art.

Take a summer tour of its creative soul, expressed through paintings, pirouettes and rock-star performances.

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IMUST HAVE BEEN IN AN ADVENTUROUS MOOD when I signed up for an art class. I haven't picked up a brush since my third-grade teacher took a long look at my painting of a horse and told me some people just aren't artistically inclined. But here I am at Milwaukee's Splash Studio, preparing to dive into one of the Midwest's increasingly popular painting-and-sipping sessions.

One of dozens of galleries nestled in the Historic Third Ward, Splash Studio represents the cultural community's effort to infuse life with accessible art. Whether you're in Milwaukee for a festival, a game or a photo with the riverfront Fonz statue, you'll see art in all the expected places (galleries, theaters, concert halls, festival grounds) and spot it in the spaces of everyday life (elevators, restaurants, hotels).

At Splash, six of us settle into a gallery filled with professional artwork, including several boldly hued florals painted by our teacher. "We want people to experience art in a way that's not passive," Splash co-owner Marla Poytinger says. "Here, you don't just look at the art. You can talk to the artists, learn from them, ask them anything."

Three hours later, I look incredulously at my canvas. It shows a natural wonderland, towering evergreens and tiny cottages with windows glowing under a starry sky. Photographer Kate Kinser, who doubles as the

studio manager, hands me a mimosa. I toast the empowering discovery that I am at least a little artistically inclined.

Inspiration keeps greeting me wherever I wander in the city. At Cafe Benelux and Market, known for its European-flair brunch and Belgian beer list, black-and-white photos of staffers visiting Belgium to find new brews (and do a little cycling) join a large, stylized black-and-white painting of cyclists. Medieval sculptures, stained glass and weaponry cluster inside Mader's, where classic German dishes shine. At Hudson Business Lounge, works by Third Ward artisans hang in the coffee bar, and the glass-walled storefront of Broadway Paper shows off the paper-craft sculptures hanging from the rafters and tucked among the wares.

At the Milwaukee Ballet, performing in the ornate 120-year-old Pabst Theater, lissome and kinetic dancers match the palatial theater's presence. And the audience proves as passionate as the performers.

"Shortly after I got here, I got clobbered over the head by an old woman with an umbrella," says Artistic Director Michael Pink. "She was upset about something that the ballet had done, I don't know, maybe 20 years ago. I can't remember exactly what she was so bothered by, but I do remember thinking she was indicative of how committed and passionate the arts community is here in Milwaukee."

That enthusiasm makes the city a beloved destination for touring artists. Take, for example, Summerfest. As the world's largest concert smorgasbord, it draws more than 800 acts and some 900,000 fans to the city for an 11-day sonic binge. I join the crowds in the sprawling Henry Maier Festival Park near Lake Michigan to wander among nearly a dozen stages set against the backdrop of the city skyline. The sounds of

INTO THE ARTS

1 Mark di Suvero's *The Calling* stands outside the Milwaukee Art Museum. **2** The Milwaukee Art Museum's 2001 Quadracci Pavilion addition added 140,000 square feet to the building. **3 & 4** Cafe Benelux and Market brings Belgian flair to the popular arts-and-shopping Historic Third Ward district. **5** Painters add color to their canvases at Splash Studio.



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Milwaukee Art Museum The “wings” that open and close with the museum rival the art inside; a \$25 million renovation will wrap up in late 2015.

Milwaukee Ballet Catch *Cinderella* May 14–17; a new season starts in October.

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater

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PABST THEATER

new-to-me indie rock, blues, reggae, pop and country acts drift along with me. As evening falls, I follow the flow of fans to the 23,000-seat Marcus Amphitheater, where Zac Brown Band's comfortable brand of upbeat country has people grooving in the aisles.

The art on display at the Grohmann Museum invites a more quiet form of contemplation as I take in a series of 17th-century oil paintings depicting Dutch medicine. The vivid images are technically stunning, and they make me thankful for our modern practices. Housed near classrooms and offices of the Milwaukee School of Engineering, Grohmann's permanent *The Man at Work* exhibit displays more than 450 paintings, drawings and sculptures dating to the 16th century. They celebrate working-class industriousness by detailing the lives of brewers (an appropriate topic in this city), plus weavers, farmers, blacksmiths, doctors and fishermen.

I mull the work-as-art theme while gazing at Santiago Calatrava's dramatic Quadracci Pavilion at the Milwaukee Art Museum, an architectural wonder with external "wings" that open and close. Later this year the museum will unveil a \$25 million gallery renovation, an investment designed to make the galleries bigger, brighter and more accessible. School-age children roam the pavilion; some talk about what they see, and others sprawl across the floor, sketching, inspired. And nobody is telling them they can't draw.

guidance of an artist in the Historic Third Ward.

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The Rumpus Room Warm pretzels and bacon-laced appetizers top a reasonably priced menu. (We love the half-pound Rumpus Burger.) Across the street from the Marcus Center.

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Next door to the venerable Wisconsin Cheese Mart, this classy spot in Westown offers flights of cheese, plus beer.

Wolf Peach An evening here in the Brewers Hill



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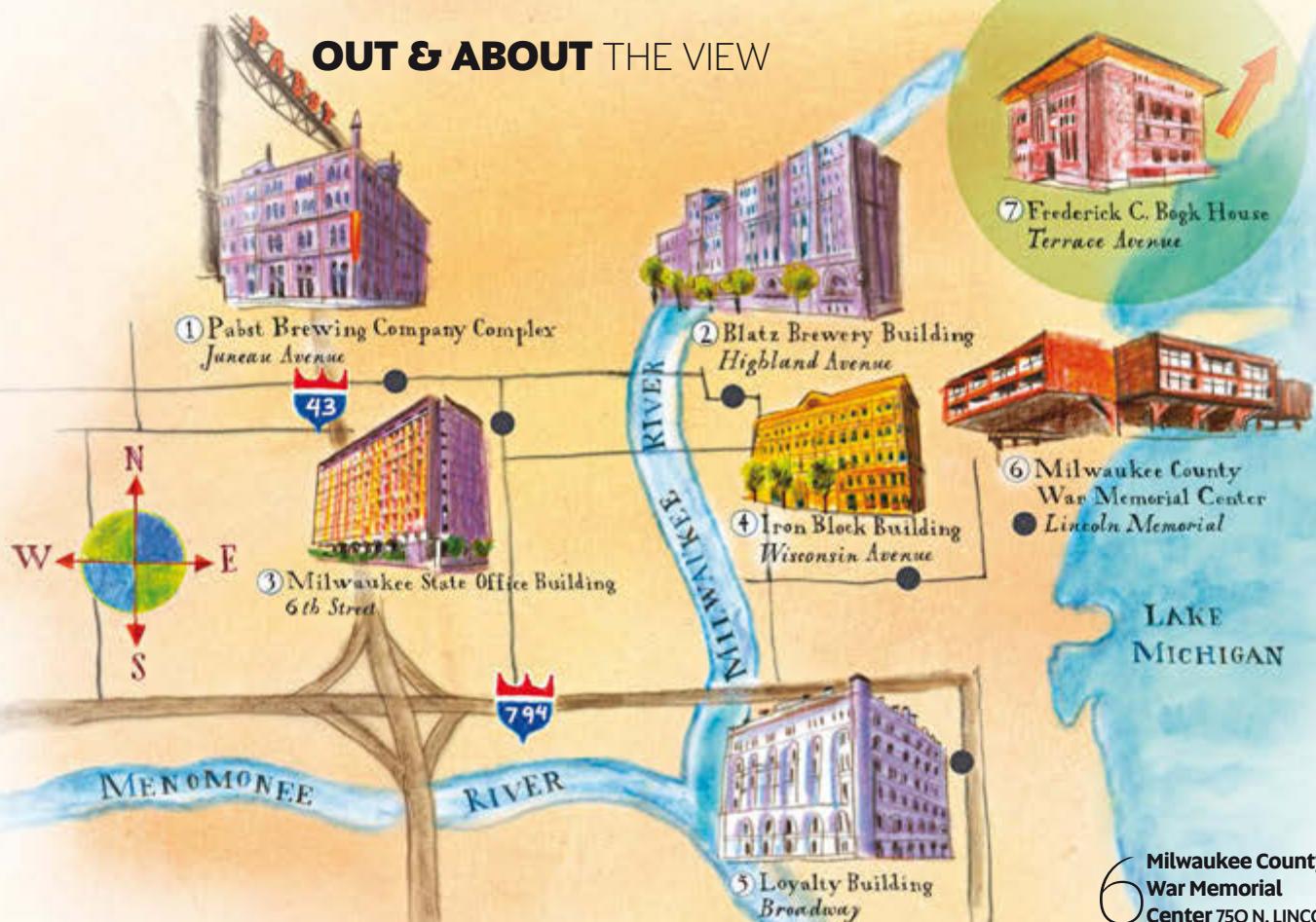
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The art of architecture

Some of Milwaukee's biggest works of art aren't in galleries or sculpture parks—they're on the street. We asked Sebastian Schmaling, principal at Johnsen Schmaling Architects, about his favorite functional pieces. "Milwaukee has an astonishing set of buildings," Sebastian says. "When other cities started tearing down their fabric, I think Milwaukee had an awareness of the value of historic buildings." He shared his take on the city's gems, including breweries, a government office and works by famed architects Frank Lloyd Wright and Eero Saarinen.

182 Breweries:
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HIGHLAND AVENUE The former Pabst Brewing Company Complex (now home to a hotel, shopping and remodeled brewhouse) and the Blatz Brewery Building (now condos) showcase beautiful brickwork and proportion. "They have things that are very Teutonic and heavy, but in a sort of beautiful way. They feel very Continental European," Sebastian says.

3 Milwaukee State Office Building
819 N. 6TH STREET "It's a concrete building with a beautiful faceted facade," Sebastian says. There has been talk of tearing it down, which would be tragic. "It's very unique in its architectural ambition. It's a very simple, just bare building."

4 Iron Block Building
205 E. WISCONSIN AVENUE Milwaukee's only remaining iron building (now home to Dental Associates) preserves a

popular late-1800s style. "The facade is built entirely out of iron, which was something that, for a while, was the way of the future," Sebastian says.

5 Loyalty Building
611 N. BROADWAY This building's modern tenant, the Hilton Garden Inn, preserved the old-fashioned grandeur. "It's Richardson Romanesque style," Sebastian says. "It has these big, arched masonry windows. When you come in, there's a grand five-story atrium with a glass roof."



6 Milwaukee County War Memorial Center 750 N. LINCOLN

MEMORIAL Balancing on support columns, the Eero Saarinen-designed structure is delicately detailed. "It has really thin concrete plates on the facade that are filled with glass," Sebastian says.

7 Frederick C. Bogk House 2420 N. TERRACE AVENUE Built as Frank Lloyd Wright transitioned away from his signature Prairie style, this private home remains a stylistic one-off. "It's a brick building, very vertical in its expressions," Sebastian says. Wright used concrete, a then-modern choice, for a frieze above the front windows. **MN**

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STREAKS OF MAROON AND NAVY, white and gold, and black and pewter gray sweep across artist Matteo Randi's abstract mosaic like a tempest of color. But there is direction to the storm—the lines of small tesserae (the irregularly shaped pieces of glass and pottery used to make mosaics) flow with and out from a central line. "That sense of direction, that's *andamento*," instructor Casey Van Loon explains to our curious class.

A handful of us have come to Ravenswood for a hands-on introduction to the centuries-old art of

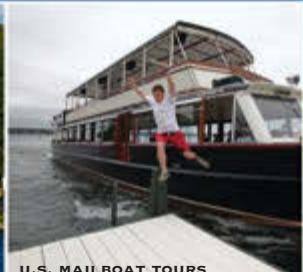
mosaics in The Chicago Mosaic School's basics class. After discussing the differences between Roman and Byzantine mosaic styles in the school's on-site gallery, we head into the studio, where we get to put our newfound knowledge to work on square ceramic tiles.

On a piece of paper, I sketch my tile design: stylized beach grass reaching toward the sky for strong *andamento*. Then I choose my materials from bins filled with sheets of jewel-tone stained glass, brown and gray pebbles, plastic buttons and other found objects (a stray earring, broken shells, pieces of colorful glazed pottery).

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"Glass is brittle and temperamental, rarely behaving the way you want. But this fickleness becomes part of the mosaic design process," Casey says. That irregularity, she explains, makes tesserae distinct from straight-edged manufactured tile, and it adds energy to the mosaic.

At my work table, I snip the stained glass into glittering shards. Then it's time to experiment with different configurations of glass and buttons on my drawing; I'm working toward a design imbued with the all-important flow. Once satisfied, I smear a thin layer of mortar over my tile and transfer the design piece by piece before the mortar sets.

When we lay our creations out for a group (tile) photo at the end of class, they reflect the colorful swirls and strong lines we sought. In three hours, we've gone from mosaic novices to masters of *andamento*. (Or, at the least, experienced apprentices.) **M.L.**

For more information, *The Chicago Mosaic School* (773/975-8966; chicagomosaicschool.org).



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2 Honey Butter Fried Chicken
Chicago's Avondale neighborhood produces some seriously good eats. Lucky for fried-chicken fans, Honey Butter Fried Chicken is now a permanent fixture there. Born from a series of pop-up dinner events, this corner restaurant draws patrons hungry for its boneless chicken pieces seasoned with

garlic, cayenne pepper, onion powder and, postfryer, smoky paprika. Join the masses and slather your chicken with creamy honey butter (served with each meal) and pair it with a side of pimento mac 'n' cheese (773/478-4000; honeybutter.com).

3 Chicken Shop London-import Chicken Shop gained a reputation for tender, golden-brown rotisserie chickens. But it's fried chicken and waffles that make this stop a weekend hot spot. The shop starts with boneless thighs marinated overnight in buttermilk, thyme and the restaurant's homemade hot sauce. During brunch, they're fried to order, layered on top of a crispy waffle and served with butter, maple syrup and white gravy. Wash down the sweet and savory dish with the Bourbon Time cocktail, made with Very Old Barton, beer and lemon (312/754-6941; chickenshop.com/chicago).

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A view from the top

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Animal attraction

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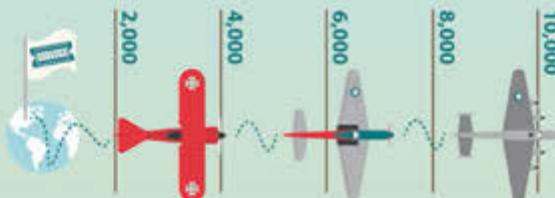


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Spirit of giving

If you're in need of a gift for a foodie, this is the place to shop. First, head straight up the stairs to the La Piazza wine bar for a glass to sip while browsing. (Who



said you can't treat yourself, too?) The wine bar is conveniently close to the wine department, where friendly staff can help you choose among some 1,000 options. Throughout the store, you'll find shelves of gift-worthy olive oils smartly arranged by region (spicy Southern

Italian oils here, buttery Northern Italian oils there) and unique imports, like the Urbani porcini and white truffle sauce. Gift boxes group excellent olive oils, coffees or Italian sweets so you can give a thoughtful package without over-thinking it.

Date night, darling

Fire up your evening at Eataly's cooking school, La Scuola, where demonstrations, workshops and tastings fill the calendar. In a spacious classroom, get your hands floury in the pizza- or pasta-making classes, or taste the differences between Tuscan and Venetian wines in an Italian wine basics class. Then it's off to the understated white-tablecloth restaurant Baffo (named one of *Chicago* magazine's best new restaurants of 2014). Choose from rich entrees like whole roasted sea bass or porcini-rubbed ribeye, or indulge in a six-course tasting menu paced to encourage lingering.

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Birreria Panna Cotta One of Eataly's three house



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Jess Hoffert

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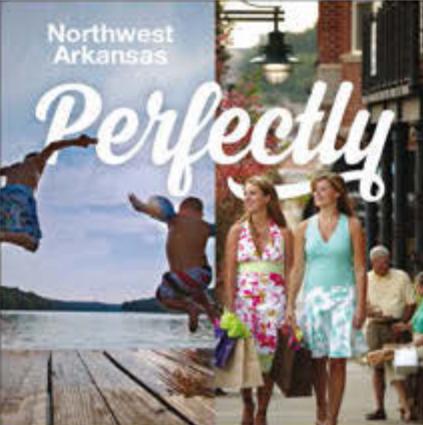
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Dutch Days Fulton, May 1–2 Fulton recalls its roots with Dutch dancing, costumed street scrubbing, a parade (3 p.m. Saturday) and tours of the working Dutch windmill (815/589-3925; cityoffulton.us).

Riverside Arts Weekend Riverside, May 16–17 In this community designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted (designer of Chicago's Grant Park), shop for a mix of media that 70 juried artists sell in Guthrie Park (riversideartsweekend.org).

Rhubarb Fest Aledo, June 5–6 This tempting fest offers free samples of rhubarb crisp and wine in the tasting tent and more than 3,000 homemade rhubarb pies at the bake sale (309/582-2751; aledomainstreet.com).

57th Street Art Fair Chicago, June 6–7 On the streets of the Hyde Park neighborhood, more than 200 artists sell their glass, jewelry, photography, paintings, sculpture, wood, ceramics and more (773/234-3247; 57thstreetartfair.org).

Heritage Days on the Old National Road Martinsville, June 12–14 Bluegrass bands start the party Friday night. Live in the past all weekend with an all-equine parade (11 a.m. Saturday), carriage rides and historical reenactments (217/232-3232; martinsvilleheritagedays.com).

Route 66 Festival Edwardsville, June 12–13 The Mother Road leads to a classic-car cruise and show of nearly 150 cars, live music in the bandstand, and food and art vendors in City Park (618/692-7538; edwardsvilleroute66.com).

Great Galena Balloon Race Galena, June 19–21 More than 20 hot-air balloons take flight at Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa. While earthbound, drift to the ale fest, car show and bounce houses. Proceeds benefit the diabetes foundation JDRF (815/777-5000; greatgalenaballoonrace.com).

Indiana

Mayberry in the Midwest Festival

Danville, May 15–17 The small-town, 1960s *The Andy Griffith Show* lives on with tribute performances by actors portraying Barney Fife, Floyd the Barber and other characters. Mayberry-like squad cars compete in the Squad Car Nationals (317/745-3007; mayberryinthemidwest.com).

Red Skelton Festival Vincennes, June 12–13

Vincennes honors its native son and favorite funnyman with this jovial lineup: a parade featuring 100 clowns, the Red Skelton Film Festival, bathtub races and a carnival. Also, tour the Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy (800/886-6443; redskeltonmuseum.org).

Bike the Bend South Bend, June 14 This leisurely bicycle tour winds 30 miles through the greater South Bend and Mishawaka areas. Fuel up beforehand at the pancake breakfast. Registration fee (574/204-2458; bikethebend.com).

North Judson Mint Festival North Judson, June 19–21

This major mint-growing region celebrates its crop with a parade (3 p.m. Sunday), a cooking-with-mint contest, and vendors selling mint tea, ice cream and mint oil (219/395-6504).

ShrinersFest Evansville, June 24–28 The U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight team and U.S. Air Force F-16 Flight Demonstration Team soar above the riverfront during two air shows. Admission charged (812/423-4285).

Iowa

75th Annual Orange City Tulip Festival

Orange City, May 14–16 Founded by Dutch settlers, Orange City honors its heritage with authentic costumes, two daily parades, Dutch delicacies and thousands of blooming tulips. Admission charged to some events (712/707-4510; octulipfestival.com).

John Wayne Birthplace Museum

Grand Opening Winterset, May 22–24 The birthplace of John Wayne opens the doors of a new 5,000-square-foot facility showcasing artifacts from the screen legend's life and career. Opening ceremonies feature a rodeo and free John Wayne movies (877/462-1044; johnwaynebirthplace.museum/birthday).

35th Annual Tivoli Fest Elk Horn, May 23–24

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Iowa Renaissance Festival Middle

Amana, May 23–25 The renaissance age returns to Middle Amana Park with jousting, five stages of entertainment, Punch and Judy puppet shows and a beer garden. Admission charged (641/357-5177; iowarenfest.com).

40th Annual Glenn Miller Festival

Clarinda, June 11–14 The bandleader's birthplace gets you "In the Mood" with bands from around the world, headlined by the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Enjoy visits to the Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum and Home. Admission charged (712/542-2461; glennmiller.org).

Des Moines Arts Festival Des Moines, June 26–28

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Kansas

30th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival

Merriam, May 16 Named for the creek meandering through Merriam, this free fest in Antioch Park delights with 60 arts and crafts exhibitors, concerts and a pancake breakfast. Kids play at the petting zoo, inflatable games and art stations (913/322-5550; merriam.org/park).

Riverfest Wichita, May 29–June 6 Make a splash along the Arkansas River with a parade (6:30 p.m. May 29) followed by a concert by the Wichita Symphony Orchestra. Other events: a Cajun Food Fest and fireworks. Admission charged (316/267-2817; wichitariverfest.com).

Flint Hills Rodeo Strong City, June 4–6

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Michigan

Dogwood Fine Arts Festival Dowagiac, May 8–17

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Harborfest South Haven, June 18–21

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Minnesota

Stand Still Parade Whalan, May 16

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Land of the Loon Ethnic Arts and Crafts Festival

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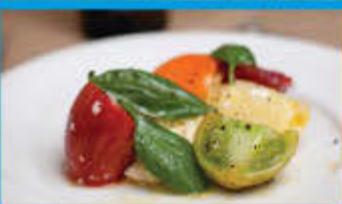
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74 Visit Wichita. Surprising is what we hear most from first-time Wichita visitors. Experience all Wichita has to offer. 800-288-9424* VisitWichita.com then Visit Wichita!

75 All Kansas Offers.

KENTUCKY

76 Richmond. Located on I-75, south of Lexington. Enjoy Gibson Bay Golf Course, Daniel Boone's Fort Boonesborough, White Hall Mansion Civil War Battlefield museum and tour!

77 Visit Bowling Green. The home of Corvette is a National Geographic Top 10 All-American City! Enjoy unique museums, natural wonders & great family fun.

78 All Kentucky Offers.

MARYLAND

79 Baltimore. Take the train from New York and in just over two hours, watch the O's play in Camden Yards, visit the American Visionary Art Museum, grab your favorite table in Little Italy and more! Baltimore is special.

80 Carroll County. Delight in our unique festivals, antique shops, country inns, golfing, superb restaurants, and wineries. Just 45 minutes northwest of Baltimore.

81 Cecil County. Discover beautiful countryside, shimmering harbors, and quaint historic villages, right on I-95! Experience unique shops,

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- fabulous cuisine, State Parks, Hollywood Casino, award-winning wine, charming inns, and more! Once you visit, you'll return again and again!
- 82 Conference and Visitors Bureau of Montgomery County.** Montgomery County is located on the northwestern border of Washington, D.C. Search our website for hotel deals, things to do and events just minutes from D.C.
- 83 Deep Creek Lake.** Skiing, boating, biking, the mountain coaster or curling up by the fire—find your adventure in Deep Creek Lake, Maryland!
- 84 Escape to Talbot County.** The best of the Chesapeake! Free guide with information, trip ideas, shopping and more.
- 85 Frederick County.** Museums meet martini bars, rolling country side abounds with wineries, breweries, creameries, orchids outdoor rec, and historic sites.
- 86 Hagerstown — Washington County.** Visit Civil War battlefields, parks, and outlet shopping. Hiking, biking, kayaking, museums and lots more!
- 87 Howard County.** Experience the treasures of historic Ellicott City and Columbia. Conveniently located between Baltimore and Washington, DC.
- 88 Maryland Beaches.** Maryland's only seaside. Explore Assateague Island, Ocean City and authentic main street communities offering unique shopping and dining experiences.
- 89 Somerset County.** Explore our landscape, sample the bounty of the bay, discover the sweater side of life and celebrate the Chesapeake experience.
- 90 Upper Chesapeake Bay.** Kent County offers fishing, boating, wineries, theaters, art galleries, shopping, award winning Farmers' and Artisans' market and more.
- 91 Welcome to Maryland.** Explore beaches, mountains, and the Chesapeake Bay. Discover Civil War Trails and Scenic Byways Driving Tours. Enjoy local seafood and culinary delights.
- 92 All Maryland offers.**

MICHIGAN

- 93 Battle Creek Quality Inn/Suites.** "Next to the Casino" golf packages, near area attractions, bar, restaurant on site!
- 94 Bicycle Street Inn & Suites and Waterfront Collection.** 49 waterfront and waterfront guest rooms and suites, with walk out balconies. Downtown Mackinac Island.
- 95 Blue Water Area.** Discover the Blue...shores of eastern Michigan.
- 96 Cadillac, Explore Your Way.** Lakes, rivers, forest, trails, beaches, festivals and great people await.
- 97 Cornell's Turkeyville USA.** All-turkey restaurant. Professional dinner theatre, shops, 35,000 square feet, family fun in Marshall.
- 98 Discover Kalamazoo.** Where unique shops, live entertainment, world-class attractions, microbreweries and the arts thrive in Southwest Michigan.
- 99 Great Lakes Bay Region.** For vacations, getaways, family fun and adventure, visit Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region: Bay City, Birch Run, Chesaning, Frankenmuth, Midland and Saginaw!
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- 101 Holland Area.** Dutch attractions, sandy beaches, award-winning downtown, Tulip Time May 2–9, 2015. FREE visitor guide!!!
- 102 Isle Royale National Park/Rock Harbor Lodge.** Experience unspoiled wilderness immersed in one of America's most remote national parks. Lighthouse, fishing and sightseeing tours, comfortable lodging cabins with kitchenettes. Ferry boat packages.
- 103 Lake View Hotel, Mackinac Island.** Historic, downtown Lake View Hotel. Family vacation packages and seasonal discounts. Indoor pool and spa. Conveniently located near all attractions and activities.
- 104 Livingston County.** Let us surround you with 50,000 acres of parks, an outdoor lakeside waterpark, Tanger Outlet shopping and 4-season fun.
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- 106 Marshall.** Named Dozen Distinctive Destination winner. Victorian charm, antiques, museums, shopping, dining.
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- 108 National House Inn.** In Historic Marshall, Michigan's oldest operating inn since 1835.
- 109 Petoskey Area.** Northern Michigan beauty with Victorian charm and a touch of class. FREE Vacation Guide.
- 110 Schuler's Restaurant & Pub.** Welcoming you since 1909. Midwestern cuisine at its finest in a unique atmosphere. Your table awaits!
- 111 South Haven.** Michigan's favorite year round Beachtown. Home to beaches, blueberries and rolling vineyards!
- 112 Traverse City.** Michigan's True North destination. Traverse City offers 30+ wineries, microbreweries, award-winning dining, specialty boutiques, four seasons of outdoor recreation, and the spectacular Sleeping Bear Dunes.
- 113 Welcome to Manistee County.** Stay with us and enjoy Sleeping Bear Dunes, M-22 Scenic Hwy, championship golf, world-class fishing and the best waterways in Michigan.

114 All Michigan Offers.

MINNESOTA

- 115 Arrowwood Resort.** Located in a setting of natural splendor and offers outstanding year 'round recreational facilities and service that will exceed your expectations.
- 116 Bloomington—Home of Mall of America.** 38 hotels offer free Mall and MSP Airport shuttles. Online coupons plus purchase the BIG TICKET Attraction Pass with nearly 30% savings at 6 Twin City and Mall of America attractions.
- 117 Burnsville.** The perfect mix of world-class restaurants, unique shops, amazing live entertainment, and cozy accommodations make Burnsville the ideal recreation destination!
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- 119 Duluth.** Authentic Duluth, no matter what you're looking for or how you choose to explore, real adventure and relaxation awaits you in a city that's good for you.
- 120 Explore Minnesota.** Plan a vacation you'll never forget, only in Minnesota. Get a FREE Explore Minnesota Travel Guide and Spring-Summer Explorer newspaper.
- 121 Explore Southern Minnesota.** There's MORE TO eXPLORe in Southern Minnesota. Biking, antiquing, Native American history, festivals and more! Visit soon, you'll be surprised.
- 122 Glensheen Historic Congdon Estate.** Glensheen is a 39-room mansion on the shores of Lake Superior. Duluth's #1 paid attraction on Trip Advisor.
- 123 Granite Falls Area Chamber and CVB.** Celebrate the Prohibition Era in Andrew Volstead's hometown on the Minnesota River, Granite Falls, MN.
- 124 Leech Lake.** Come for the getaway...stay for the fun! Miles of shoreline, bike trails, golf courses, boats, and beaches to enjoy!
- 125 Little Falls CVB.** Mississippi River "Historic" town. MN Military Museum mansions, Charles Lindbergh Historic Site & Fabulous dining and impressive lodging!!!
- 126 Mall of America®.** Mall of America is the largest U.S. shopping and entertainment center in Bloomington, MN with no sales tax on clothing or shoes.
- 127 Minneapolis Northwest.** Tax-free shopping on clothing and shoes, abundant lodging and restaurants are just minutes away from downtown Minneapolis.
- 128 New Ulm.** See why "Germans Have More Fun" in this "City of Charm and Tradition".
- 129 North Star Lake Resort.** We Like Kids! 19 housekeeping cabins 1–5 BR, heated pool and kiddie pool, sandy swimming beach, planned kids' activities.
- 130 Northfield.** A classic American River Town, at the corner of quaint & hip. Where history comes alive with creative people doing creative things. Cows, colleges and cool rule in Northfield, MN!
- 131 Twin Cities Gateway.** Planning a trip to Minneapolis-St. Paul? Conveniently located just minutes away from both downtowns. Twin Cities Gateway.
- 132 Visit Owatonna.** Lodging, attractions, shopping and history! Send or call for a FREE Visitor Guide and Coupon Book to plan your next visit.
- 133 Visit Winona.** Spectacular beauty, remarkable arts and culture, outdoor adventure. Home to renowned festivals, magnificent architecture, road biking, and Mississippi River activities.
- 134 Willmar Lakes Area.** "Where the Lakes Begin!" Spend less time driving and more time making memories in the Willmar Lakes Area.
- 135 All Minnesota Offers.**

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- 136 Cape Girardeau.** Historical treasures, family-friendly attractions, outdoor adventures, gaming, shopping, and more. Discover all that can be experienced Only in Cape Girardeau!
- 137 Carthage.** A unique crossroads of architecture, history, art and inspiration. Discover historical sites, art galleries, and Precious Moments Chapel.
- 138 City of Boonville Tourism- CVB.** Boonville, centrally located featuring warm springs ranch, Isle of Capri casino, and rich history. Discover our river rails, and trails.
- 139 Explore Branson.** Entertain the whole family with theme parks, go-karts, ziplines, and more. Good, clean fun for miles, it's all smiles.
- 140 Fulton, Missouri.** Voted Top 10 Midwest Places to Visit. Brick District, Auto World, National Churchill Museum, Art House, Crane's Museum and much more!
- 141 Hannibal CVB.** Visit historic Hannibal, the boyhood home of Mark Twain. A family vacation destination.
- 142 Hermann.** A perfect Wine Country getaway; voted Missouri's most beautiful town. Hermann charms visitors with award-winning wineries, beautiful architecture and distinct historical heritage.
- 143 Joplin CVB.** Summer heat up in JOMO—Choose your own adventure! Request a new visitor guide.
- 144 Kansas City.** Kansas City's cool cultural vibe and Midwestern hospitality will leave an impression. Plan your visit and see how KC inspires you.
- 145 Lake of the Ozarks.** 54,000 acre lake offering a breathtaking scenic panorama plus golf, fishing, outlets, music shows, show caves, indoor/outdoor waterparks, state parks and many leisure options.
- 146 Missouri.** Plan your trip! From arts and culture to outdoor adventure, you'll find it all in the 2015 Official Missouri Travel Guide.
- 147 Missouri State Fair, Ragtime Festival.** Learn more at Sedalia's Welcome Center, gift store, interpretive center, and Convention Visitors Bureau.
- 148 Moberly.** Railroad history, shopping, golf, fishing and full hookup RV camping in 500 acre park with aquatic center.
- 149 Pony Express National Museum.** Come experience exciting and educational exhibits showing need, creation, operation and termination of Pony Express. Visit Buffalo Bill exhibit in Messick gallery.
- 150 Saint Charles.** Discover Missouri's largest historic district with unique shopping, dining, and historic attractions in a charming, nostalgic setting.
- 151 Silver Dollar City.** 10 NEW Family Adventures—Fireman's Landing, plus 100 craftsmen, live shows and festival entertainment!
- 152 Springfield.** Home of the original Bass Pro, Springfield Cardinals baseball, North America's only ride-through cave at Fantastic Caverns and more! Request a free trip planning guide today.
- 153 St. Joseph.** Where Pony Express began and Jesse James ended; 13 museums, 15 festivals, amazing historical architecture.
- 154 St. Louis.** St. Louis is a place where history and imagination collide, and the result is a Midwestern destination filled with one-of-a-kind attractions, restaurants, shops and adventures.
- 155 St. Genevieve.** A hidden gem, only 1 hour from St. Louis! Cozy bed & breakfasts, historic sites, quaint shops, wineries & microbreweries.
- 156 The Lodge of Four Seasons.** Central Missouri's #1 golf, spa and marina resort on Lake of the Ozarks. Scenic 2–3 hours drive from Kansas City and St. Louis.
- 157 Washington Area.** Wine, Dine, Shop and Stay in wonderful Washington, Missouri. 25 wineries within an hour's drive. Your hub for area fun!
- 158 All Missouri Offers.**

NEBRASKA

- 159 Kearney.** Where east meets the west in the Heart of America. You can visit award-winning attractions such as the Great Platte River Road Archway and every spring, the Sandhill Crane Migration.
- 160 Nebraska.** We invite you to visit a state of absolute beauty at every turn. Visit Nebraska. Visit Nice.
- 161 Sarpy County.** Music, adventure, history, and entertainment. Bordered by the Omaha and the Platte Rivers. Easy access from I-80, I-29, and Hwy. 370.
- 162 Welcome to Nebraska's Landmark Country.** Visit the Oregon Trail where you can still see wagon wheels carved in the prairie.
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- 164 Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau.** Discover more than four centuries of history, culture, and entertainment in New York's Capital City!
- 165 Campground Owners of New York.** From simple and rustic locales accommodating tents and pop-up campers to full-service RV resorts and parks catering to seasonal campers and park models. There is a location ideal for you and all around New York State.
- 166 Chautauqua County.** Learn, laugh and play in Western New York, with lakes, wineries, Chautauqua Institution, Lucy Desi Museum and Peak'n Peak Resort.
- 167 Dutchess County Tourism.** Dutchess County offers experiences you won't find anywhere else. Stay more than a day to get the full experience.
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- 169 Hudson Valley/Orange County.** CHARGE (shop Woodbury Common Premium Outlets) and RECHARGE (Storm King Art Center is the largest sculpture park in the U.S.). Wineries, river cruises, and a craft village all come with 4-star dining and great places to stay on the Hudson River.
- 170 Lake George Area in New York's Adirondacks.** Lake George Area in New York's Adirondacks - Easy to get to. Easy to Enjoy!
- 171 Long Island.** On our Island you can dive from the sky or dash into the sea. Try ocean fishing or kayaking. Take a surfing lesson or meander through Wine Country. An amazing adventure or a relaxing vacation – the choice is yours. And all the choices are here.
- 172 Sullivan County.** Generations of fun! Arts, culture, outdoor recreation and more!
- 173 Washington County.** Where the Mighty Hudson meets the Adirondacks. Events and tours, family fun, farm fresh food, historic sites, hiking trails, water sports. Want more?
- 174 All New York offers.**



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- 175 Bismarck-Mandan.** Pack Higher Expectations. A fresh array of activities, culture and historic places. Metropolitan amenities, Midwest charm and modern hospitality.
- 176 Dickinson.** The badlands around Dickinson track dinosaurs, buffalo and a few crazy extreme adventure seekers. Evening brews and laughter are forever.
- 177 Fargo-Moorhead.** Its unique creative spirit inspire the independent artists, musicians, craftspeople and entrepreneurs who live and work here, as well as those who visit.
- 178 North Dakota.** North Dakota is where families create legendary memories. Start your journey with a free North Dakota Travel Guide.
- 179 Williston.** Come Play, Book Today—New Confluence Interpretive Center, Fort Union, N.H.S. Fort Buford, free travel packet.
- 180 All North Dakota Offers.**

OHIO

- 181 Butler County.** Hello Weekend! Hello Butler County, Ohio! Great attractions, affordable accommodations and family memories await you. Order your FREE guide.
- 182 Cambridge/Guernsey County.** Located in the rolling hills of Southeast Ohio, our area offers a plethora of outdoor adventures for the entire family.
- 183 Canton/Stark County.** Home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Come experience a vibrant wine trail, presidential history, endless shopping, Amish Country and more.
- 184 Cedar Point.** Unbeatable ride collection (17 coasters), including record-breaking GateKeeper; Award-winning entertainment, three children's areas, two new family rides, beautiful beach, four hotels.
- 185 Columbus Arts Festival.** June 12-14, Downtown Columbus, welcome to summer event, 300 artists, 6 stages, activities, gourmet food and more!
- 186 Dayton.** The Birthplace of Aviation and more! FREE National Museum of the US Air Force.
- 187 Experience Columbus.** Vibrant and alive, Ohio's capital is known for its open attitude, smart style and entrepreneurial spirit. Columbus' uncommon blend of neighborhoods, arts and culinary experiences, events, attractions and accommodations are unforgettable.
- 188 Findlay Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau.** Whether you are looking for big city dining or country trails, Hancock County is home to it, and everything in-between.
- 189 Gahanna.** Experience nostalgic Americana, minutes from Columbus. Paddle boats, waterfront eateries, quaint shops, historic landmarks, unique attractions, family-oriented events!
- 190 Greene County, Ohio.** A rare destination that provides activities at every turn. Over 140 miles of paved bike trails. Ultimate shopping experiences. The Village of Yellow Springs and Historic Clifton Mill.
- 191 Hocking Hills.** Welcome to the Hocking Hills, Ohio's natural crown jewels. Hike, Zipline, Canoe, Kayak and more in Mother Nature's scenic playground.
- 192 Lake County, Lake Erie East's Coastal Getaway Oasis.** By Cleveland. B&B's, golf resort, hotels, Ohio's largest beach, winery region, attractions.
- 193 Lake Erie Shores & Islands.** Find your Lake Erie Love at Lake Erie Shores & Islands...a genuine shore vacation, close to home.
- 194 Mansfield.** Follow the path of Hollywood on the Shawshank Trail, a self-guided driving tour of the 14 area filming sites from the movie, "The Shawshank Redemption".
- 195 Ohio Grape Industries.** Searching for a fun-filled day trip or relaxing weekend getaway? Celebrate June—Ohio Wine Month with Ohio's more than 219 wineries.
- 196 Ohio Tourism.** World-class arts, professional sports, amusement parks, festivals and historic sites, Ohio offers a memorable getaway. Order your free Ohio getaway kit today.
- 197 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.** Experience the only museum in the world dedicated to celebrating the spirit of rock and roll!
- 198 Sidney & Shelby County.** Come Visit Sidney! Heritage and recreational attractions, factory tours, comfortable hotels, and a taste-tempting variety of restaurants just off I-75.
- 199 The Living Word Outdoor Drama.** Raising the curtain 41 years at Ohio's only outdoor passion play. Be entertained. Be changed!
- 200 Trumbull County.** Great family getaway ideas await you here in Trumbull County in Northeastern Ohio. Call or click of FREE visitor information.
- 201 Tuscarawas County.** Amish, museums, wineries, cheese making, 300 events and festivals.
- 202 Visit Ashtabula County.** Our lake awaits! Home to America's longest and shortest covered bridges, 20 wineries, lakefront lodges and cottages.
- 203 Youngstown/Mahoning County.** Family-friendly attractions, challenging golf courses, great wineries, and a vibrant arts scene await you. Mill Creek MetroParks offers wonderful outdoor recreation. Enjoy!
- 204 All Ohio Offers.**

OKLAHOMA

- 205 Chickasaw Country.** In Chickasaw Country you will enjoy an amazing cultural experience, outdoor wonders, unique shopping, gaming and luxury hotels.
- 206 Chickasaw Cultural Center.** Interactive exhibits, traditional village, café, amphitheater, and cultural teachers tell the story of a people at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.
- 207 Norman.** Enjoy the charm of local boutiques in a city that's large enough to offer the national stores you like, too.
- 208 Oklahoma City.** Oklahoma City's rugged Western past and recent urban renaissance have created a modern metropolis that's still rich in cowboy culture.
- 209 Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.** Spectacular outdoor Memorial and indoor museum; memorializes 1995 Oklahoma bombing. Over 500,000 visitors annually. "Powerful. A great life experience. Magnificent."
- 210 VisitTulsa.** Go to www.visittulsa.com to find out why "It's Everything Else that's Different. Tulsa, Up Close and Personal."
- 211 All Oklahoma Offers.**

SOUTH DAKOTA

- 212 Rapid City.** Enjoy Main Street Square, Storybook Island, and more. A short drive from Mount Rushmore National Memorial and Crazy Horse Memorial.
- 213 South Dakota Tourism.** My Great Place is the Mount Rushmore of all vacations. Plan your trip to South Dakota and find Your Great Place.
- 214 All South Dakota Offers.**

TENNESSEE

- 215 Pigeon Forge.** Pigeon Forge is the center of fun in the Smokies and has endless experiences your kids will love. Order a travel planner today.
- 216 All Tennessee Offers.**
- TEXAS**
- 217 Bandera.** Bandera, Texas, the Cowboy Capital of the World. Dude Ranches, rodeos, wranglers, tall tales, and starry nights. Yee-Haw!
- 218 Fort Worth.** Known as the "City of Cowboys and Culture," Fort Worth is a premier leisure travel destination.
- 219 Fredericksburg.** The Texas Hill Country attracts thousands of visitors each month with its award-winning wineries, sophisticated shopping, spas and more.
- 220 Galveston Island.** Warm breezes and year-round temperate seas complement the city's rich historic districts, unique attractions, and bustling shops. Contact us today to plan the perfect island getaway.
- 221 Port Aransas.** Escape to the warmth of Port Aransas, Texas and Mustang Island. Visit www.portaransas.org or call 800-45-COAST.
- 222 San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.** Plan your most unforgettable summer yet with amazing cultural treasures, fascinating history and exciting outdoor adventures, only in San Antonio.
- 223 Take a Tour of Texas.** From fair weather fun to friendly locals, we've got it all. Visit our website and get your FREE Texas State Travel Guide today.
- 224 All Texas Offers.**

WISCONSIN

- 225 Breakaway to Brookfield.** Great shopping, affordable hotels, fabulous concerts, plus a casino and pro sports nearby. Minutes from Milwaukee!
- 226 Chalet Lansdown Inn.** Your Swiss Country Home in New Glarus, Wisconsin! Built in traditional Swiss style for a touch of Switzerland close to home. Indoor pool, gourmet dining, two blocks from downtown.
- 227 Eagle River.** Around here, a getaway means getting away from all that touristy stuff. Eagle River, Up North—Down to Earth.
- 228 Elkhart Lake.** Enjoy the fun and pure pleasure of Elkhart Lake, a lively lakeside village, located just 2 1/2 hours north of Chicago.
- 229 Fox Cities.** The Fox Cities are Wisconsin's Shopping Place! Our 20 communities offer big city amenities and small town charm.
- 230 Green Bay.** Bike our trails, see Lambeau Field and the gardens. Play in our vintage amusement park and ride the museum train.
- 231 Green Lake.** Deep relaxation awaits you at the deepest inland lake in Wisconsin: Green Lake. Enjoy the simple pleasures of life within a short drive.
- 232 Harbor Towns.** Dotted along 1,100 magnificent miles of scenic coastline, Wisconsin's harbor towns feature a smorgasbord of outdoor recreation, museums, shopping, arts, dining.
- 233 Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau.** Rich in small town atmosphere, Hayward is an ideal family destination located in Wisconsin's Northwoods. Woods..Waters..World Class Events
- 234 Hudson.** Discover Hudson, Wisconsin! Preserving year-round fun and spectacular beauty since 1840!
- 235 Kenosha Area.** From outlet shopping and distinctive galleries to electric streetcars and museums overlooking Lake Michigan, Kenosha delivers countless great times!

- 236 La Crosse.** La Crosse is located on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. Send for your FREE Vacation Guide.

- 237 Lake Geneva Cruise Line.** Enjoy a variety of boat tours that share the history of Lake Geneva. Private charters for any occasion also available.

- 238 Manitowoc Two Rivers.** Relax, refresh, rejuvenate yourself along the scenic shore of Lake Michigan. Get your FREE Discovery Guide to Manitowoc—Two Rivers.

- 239 Middleton.** Shopping getaway, offering the area's top hotels, 70+ restaurants and the National Mustard Museum. Minutes from Madison.

- 240 Minocqua.** Nature's Original Water Park™, Minocqua is your year-round destination for outdoor fun. Boating, fishing, paddling, hiking, biking—we've got it all!

- 241 Onalaska.** On the Mississippi River. Find fun on the bluffs, on the trails and on the water.

- 242 Oshkosh.** Wisconsin's Event City is home to more than 1,000

- events annually, outstanding museums, restaurants and shopping.

- 243 Racine County.** Great Fun on a Great Lake... arts, beaches, lakefront B&B's, and thrills are found in this community between Milwaukee and Chicago.

- 244 The Osthoff Resort.** AAA Four Diamond Osthoff Resort featuring spacious suites, Aspira Spa, a cooking school, lakeside dining, holiday activities and events, and many other premier amenities.

- 245 Vilas County.** More than 1,300 lakes and 50+ trails. Hike, bike, fish and relax in twelve beautiful Northwoods communities.

- 246 West Bend.** Geocaching Capital of the Midwest. Search for 1000s of hidden caches. Visit the stunning Museum of Wisconsin Art.

- 247 All Wisconsin Offers.**

WISCONSIN—DOOR COUNTY

- 248 Alpine Resort and Golf Course.** Discover the charm on the shoreline of the Door County Peninsula. Rooms, cottages, 36-hole course, restaurant.

- 249 AppleCreek Resort Hotel & Suites.** Door County lodging in Fish Creek, WI, great rates, indoor pool/whirlpool, shopping, Peninsula State Park, biking, golfing, lighthouse, wineries, beaches, theaters.

- 250 Bailey's Harbor Yacht Club Resort.** One- and two-bedroom suites in Door County, Wisconsin, on Lake Michigan.

- 251 Bay Shore Inn.** Something Special in Door County! Award-winning property with a main lodge, recreational activities combined with spacious suites to make a perfect place to unwind.

- 252 Bridgeport Resort.** One-, two-, & three-bedroom suites. Resort features pools, play areas and a great location on the waterfront.

- 253 Door County.** breathtakingly scenic, surrounded by the waters of Lake Michigan and perfectly conducive to the pursuit of relaxation.

- 254 Ephraim—Door County.** Ephraim is Door County's classic harbor village, nestled along the shores of Eagle Harbor and steps from Peninsula State Park!

- 255 Harbor Guest House.** Harbor Guest House offers luxury one- and two-bedroom apartments with full kitchens and full water views—all within walking distance to shops and restaurants. Open year round.

- 256 High Point Inn.** Spring Awakening Package (May 3 – June 18). Enjoy affordable luxury in Ephraim and discover a Door County Spring with a package that includes many extras!

- 257 Homestead Suites.** Your one-stop vacation location in the heart of Door County, Wisconsin. Suites, condos, pools and continental breakfast.

- 258 Landmark Resort.** Best of Door County. All suites. Pool open 24/7. Free wireless internet, great view and even better value.

- 259 Peninsula Players Theatre.** Audiences have been enchanted by the Players artistic excellence and picturesque shoreline location for 80 years.

- 260 Settlement Courtyard Inn and Lavender Spa.** This charming resort spa specializes in a total relaxing vacation experience. Beautiful inn rooms all have fireplaces and kitchenettes. Massage therapy spa, outdoor pool, hiking trails to Fish Creek, continental-plus breakfast, beer pub.

- 261 Shallows Resort.** Stay on the Bay! The Shallows Resort offers a variety of waterfront accommodations for your next Door County vacation.

- 262 All Wisconsin—Door County Offers.**

CHICAGO

- 263 Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co.** This essential overview tour of Chicago comes with many free gifts and special offers for the complete Chicago experience.

- 264 All Chicago Offers.**

HOTELS/RESORTS/SPAS

- 265 Americas Best Value Inn.** A family of 1,000 inns, hotels, and suites throughout North America, offering hometown comfort, quality and service at an exceptional value.

- 266 AmericInn.** Clean, comfortable and spacious guest rooms. Bring the family and enjoy all the extras that make you smile.

- 267 All Hotels/Resorts/Spas Offers.**

EVENTS

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Missouri

Ste. Genevieve Garden Walk Ste. Genevieve, May 16–17 Stroll more than a dozen gardens in the downtown historic district of this French Colonial village. Also, stop by a Saturday morning farmers market and art exhibits (800/373-7007; visitstegen.com).

Railroad Days Moberly, June 10–13 Hail the rails that first rolled through here in the 1860s (and still do) with carnival rides, live music, mini train rides in Depot Park, an ice cream social and exhibits at the Railroad Museum (660/263-6070; moberty.com).

Coleman Hawkins Jazz Festival St. Joseph, June 12–13 The hometown of jazz legend Coleman Hawkins hosts two days of free jazz by nine acts. Between sets, check out the arts contest and food vendors in Coleman Hawkins Park (colemanhawkins.org).

Heart of America Shakespeare Festival Kansas City, Tuesdays–Sundays, June 16–July 5 Under the stars in Southmoreland Park, experience the Shakespeare classic *King Lear*. Preshow fun includes a parody of the play by a teen troupe (816/531-7728; kcshakes.org).

Old Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival West Plains, June 19–20 Jig on over to downtown for old-time music by pickers, fiddlers and string bands. The revelry continues at the jig dance contest and a mule-jumping competition (888/256-8835; oldtimemusic.org).

Bittersweet Garden Tour Jefferson City, June 28 Soak up gardening tips and techniques on a tour of five landscaped gardens in the Jefferson City area. Refreshments served at each garden. Admission charged (bittersweetgardenclub.com).

Nebraska

Cattlemen's Ball of Nebraska Lynch, June 5–6 This roundup at the Redbird Ranch along the Niobrara River features a prime rib dinner and concerts by country stars Aaron Tippin, Sammy Kershaw and Darryl Worley. The event benefits cancer research. Admission charged (402/336-1504; cattlemenbsball.com).

Wurst Tag Eustis, June 13 Founded by German immigrants in the 1880s, this village of 400 residents hails its heritage with a German meal of locally made sausages, brats, pretzels, spaetzle (noodles) and desserts. A beer tent, street dance and pretzel-eating contests round out the day. Admission charged (308/486-5615; eustisebraska.com).

Great American Comedy Festival Norfolk, June 17–20 A Vegas-style magic show kicks off this fest in Johnny Carson's hometown. Get your laughs when 20 professional comedians compete. Celebrity comedians headline nightly shows at the Johnny Carson Theatre. Admission charged (402/370-8004; greatamericancomedyfestival.com).

NebraskaLand Days North Platte, June 17–27 Scoot your boots to concerts by country headliners Thomas Rhett and Florida Georgia Line. Round out the party with four nights of pro rodeos, a microbrew fest and a free family night of activities June 22. Admission charged to some events (308/532-7939; nebraskalanddays.com).

Papillion Days Papillion, June 17–21 The 2½-hour Papillion Days Parade rolls through town at 2 p.m. Saturday. Hang around City Park the rest of the fest for a carnival, live music, a fireworks display and 100 vendors (402/331-3917; papillionfoundation.org).

North Dakota

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department 50th Anniversary Kickoff Bismarck, May 1 This celebration kicks off with a tree planting ceremony, an ice cream social and tours of the Parks and Recreation Department's 50th Anniversary Exhibit Trailer. Events with free food, entertainment and interpretive programs will be held at state parks throughout the summer (701/328-5357; parkrec.nd.gov).

SkyFest Over Fort Stevenson Garrison, May 23–25 Let's go fly a kite at Fort Stevenson State Park, where visitors can attend kite-making classes, fly their own kites and watch professionals send stunt kites soaring. State park entry fee (701/337-5576; skyfestnd.com).

Buggies-n-Blues Mandan, June 6–7 Boogie with buggies Saturday at the classic-car parade and block-party dance. On Sunday, 500 classic cars line Main Street. Food booths and a beer garden fill Dykshoorn Park. Admission charged to dance (701/751-2983; buggies-n-blues.org).

SummerFest Grafton, June 25–28 SummerFest gets off to a savory start with a rhubarb festival Thursday at the historic Elmwood House. The rest of the weekend, indulge with a Friday RibFest, street dances, a 5K run, food vendors and bouncy games for kids (701/352-0781; graftonevents.com).

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EVENTS

Ohio

Newark Strawberry Festival Newark, May 29–31 Skip right to dessert: Try the Kiwanis Club's strawberry shortcakes, or opt for strawberry sundaes and crepes (740/983-4797; newarkstrawberryfestival.com).

Summerfair Cincinnati, May 29–31 At Coney Island amusement park, more than 300 fine artists and craftspeople sell their wares. Other crowd-pleasers: four stages of entertainment, food vendors and a youth arts area. Admission charged (513/531-0050; summerfair.org).

40th Van Wert Peony Festival Van Wert, June 5–7 Peonies perfume the air at the Jubilee Flower Show and garden tours. Downtown blossoms with arts and crafts shows, a car show, kids' games and a grand parade at 5 p.m. Saturday (419/771-8323; vanwertpeony.com).

Versailles Poultry Days Versailles, June 12–14 With 25,000 barbecue chicken dinners served over the weekend, a parade (11 a.m. Saturday) and the Miss Chick pageant, there's plenty to crow about (versaillespoultrydays.com).

Parade the Circle Cleveland, June 13 This funky visual arts procession (noon) at University Circle delights the crowd with floats, stilt dancers and giant puppets. Before and after the parade, stop by Circle Village on Wade Oval for free family art activities (216/791-3900; universitycircle.org).

Vectren Dayton Air Show Dayton, June 20–21 The home of the Wright brothers, Dayton salutes its aviation heritage with an air show by military jet and parachute teams. Check out the aircraft displays at Dayton International Airport (937/898-5901; daytonairshow.com).

50th Annual Crosby Festival of the Arts Toledo, June 27–28 More than 230 artists grace Toledo Botanical Garden to sell photographs, paintings and carvings. A children's playhouse and live music enliven the outdoor fair. Admission charged (419/536-5566; tolodogarden.org).

South Dakota

Dalesburg Midsommar Festival Vermillion, June 19 Dalesburg Lutheran Church salutes the area's heritage with Scandinavian and old-time music, the raising of the midsommar pole and a Smorgasbord Supper of meatballs and potato sausage. Fee for meal (605/253-2575; dalesburg.org).

Crazy Horse Stampede Rodeo and Gift from Mother Earth Celebration Crazy Horse, June 19–21 At Crazy Horse Memorial, catch the rodeo action by pro cowboys and cowgirls. Also, 25 artists sell their Native American and Western art at the Indian Museum of North America. Admission charged to rodeo (605/673-4681; crazyhorsememorial.org).

40th Annual Arts in the Park Aberdeen, June 20–21 More than 100 juried artists from a dozen states pack the park with their works (605/226-1557; aberdeenareaarts council.com).

Main Street Arts and Crafts Festival Hot Springs, June 26–28 Downtown's Centennial Park teems with 50 arts and crafts exhibitors, live music and children's entertainment (605/745-4140; hotsprings-sd.com).

Wisconsin

World's Largest Brat Fest Madison, May 22–25 Guests gobble lots of brats (165,000 last year) at this annual festival, which also features four free music stages. Added attractions at Alliant Energy Center: a Kids Zone and fireworks. Proceeds benefit local charities (608/236-2028; bratfest.com).

Monument Square Art Festival Racine, May 30–31 On downtown's Monument Square, 80 artists from around the country show and sell their wares. Also at this fine arts fair: food trucks, musical entertainment and kids' art activities (262/635-0261; monumentsquareartfest.com).

Fresh Art Tour Pepin and Pierce counties, June 5–7 Travel the scenic Lake Pepin and Chippewa River Valley areas on this self-guided tour. Buy art at dozens of artists' studios and galleries (715/672-8188; freshart.org).

Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival Little Chute, June 5–7 The cheese stands alone at the Big Cheese Parade (10:30 a.m. Saturday), cheese-carving demonstrations and cheese curd-eating contest. Admission charged Friday and Saturday (920/788-7380; littlechutewi.org/cheesefest).

Lakefront Festival of Art Milwaukee, June 19–21 On the grounds of the Milwaukee Art Museum, more than 175 artists sell their jewelry, paintings, sculptures and more. Stop by the wine garden, and browse the museum. Admission charged (414/224-3200; lfoam.mam.org).

Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion for Changing Times

Oshkosh, June 20–September 20 Exhibited throughout the mansion at the Paine Art Center and Gardens, Dressing Downton showcases period costumes from the PBS series *Downton Abbey*. The exhibit of 36 costumes worn by the cast explores early-20th-century fashions in Britain. Admission charged (920/235-6903; thepaine.org). 

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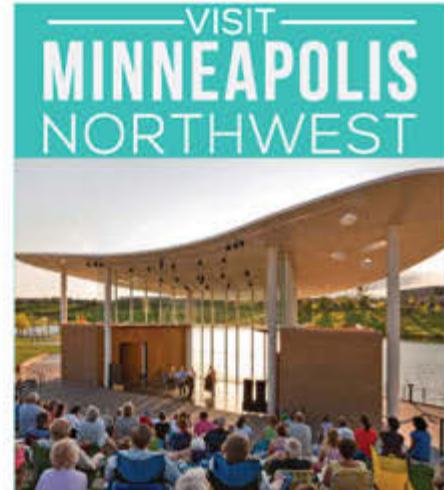
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NOTES ON THE NORTH

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What to do

Bayfield in Bloom This month-long celebration of Bayfield's daffodil, apple blossom and wildflower bounty kicks off May 15 with a live broadcast of Wisconsin Public Radio's *Garden Talk* and includes a garden tour on June 6. It concludes June 14 with the annual Blessing of the Fleet (a ship parade and blessing ceremony).

Big Top Chautauqua Concerts, stand-up comedy and variety shows star under a tent May through October each year. A free shuttle between downtown Bayfield and the venue makes for a stress-free evening.

Living Adventure Join half-day, full-day and overnight kayaking tours of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Smart, skilled guides share regional history and geology lessons, and encourage exploration of the sea caves and the 22-island archipelago.

Madeline Island Boats with the Madeline Island Ferry Line deliver visitors to La Pointe, where they can visit artists studios, galleries, off-beat bars (like Tom's Burned Down Cafe) and the informative Madeline Island Museum. On the east side of the island, Big Bay State Park and nearby Big Bay Town Park offer hiking, swimming and picnic opportunities.

Rittenhouse Avenue Bayfield's main drag offers one-of-a-kind boutiques, beachy gift shops and upscale eateries, as well as great views of Lake Superior and Madeline Island.

Where to eat

Ethel's at 250 This seasonal restaurant serves fresh fish (caught locally), hearty pastas, Canadian bacon-apple pizzas and juicy burgers in a polished, light-infused atmosphere on Rittenhouse Avenue.

Pier Plaza Restaurant The clubby The Pickled Herring Pub inside this cozy restaurant serves the full restaurant menu of burgers, sandwiches, wraps and fries. The bayfront location off Rittenhouse Avenue makes for great views.

Wild Rice Restaurant Diners find this fine-dining eatery housed in a Scandinavian-style building on a winding road outside Bayfield. It's worth the drive for fresh lake trout and rich wild rice soup.

Where to stay

Bayfield Inn Local artists' works hang in the lobby and line the halls; guest rooms have modern furniture, lake views and (in some) whirlpool tubs, perfect for a postkayak soak. From \$179.

Old Rittenhouse Inn An updated Queen Anne houses an elegant bed-and-breakfast. Antique bed frames support ultracomfortable mattresses, and breakfast is a multicourse affair with eggs, fruit and homemade sweets. The Landmark Restaurant serves indulgent multicourse prix fixe meals (reservations recommended). From \$165. 



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SUMMER PORCH

Bench 484557 Beer Garden, color: blue. World Market (877/967-5362; worldmarket.com).

Chair 438426 Solano all-weather wicker dining armchair. World Market (see Bench). Paint color (on chair): SW6717 Lime Rickey. Sherwin-Williams (800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com).

Greenhouse 40257593 white indoor/outdoor. IKEA (800/434-4532; ikea.com). **Hanging baskets** Zinc Sphere, sizes: small and large. Terrain (877/583-7724; shopterrain.com).

Lanterns 186019 Beacon, color: Sour Apple. CB2 (800/606-6252; cb2.com). **Outdoor stool** 502424 Lagoon Metal Dimitri. World Market (see Bench). **Pillows** (From left) 2780618 Cabana Geometric standard size, color: Citrus. Pier 1 Imports (800/245-4595; pier1.com).

Two Birds 16-inch. CB2 (see Lanterns). 502432 Bee outdoor throw. World Market (see Bench). Summer Tanager. Pottery Barn (888/779-5176; potterybarn.com).

Porch swing ALFO-38 Marlboro 5-foot, color: Canary Yellow. A and L Furniture Co. The Porch Swing Company (800/279-3845; theporchswingcompany.com). **Poufs** (From left) Braided natural. Fresh American (877/586-4771; freshamerican.annieselke.com). Y2976 Surya 18-inch square, pattern: Peridot Green Trellis. Lamps Plus (800/782-1967; lampsplus.com).

Rugs Diamond, color: Denim and white. Dash and Albert (877/586-4771; dashandalbert.com). 65900 Kara sisal texture. Grandin Road (866/668-5962; grandinroad.com). **Throw** Ibiza Citrus. Pine Cone Hill (877/586-4771; pineconehill.com). **Trellises** TS33U All Things Cedar panel. Lowe's (800/445-6937; lowes.com). 

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COUNTRY CLEVER

Dining room, page 23

Chairs Modern Stacking. Target (800/591-3869; target.com). **Paint** (Shelving and walls) OC-118 Snowfall White. Benjamin Moore (855/724-6802; benjaminmoore.com). **Rug** Overstock.com (800/843-2446).

Kitchen, page 25

Backsplash tile White 3x6-inch subway tile. Daltile (daltile.com). **Dishwasher** Built-in dishwasher with hidden controls. GE (800/626-2005; geappliances.com). **Faucet** Fresco Prerinse. Giagni (888/560-5222; giagni.com).

Paint (On cabinetry) CC-10 Ultra White. (On island) OC-52 Gray Owl. Benjamin Moore (see Dining room, Paint). **Perimeter countertop** IKEA (800/434-4532; ikea.com).

Sink Farmer apron-front fireclay single bowl. Pegasus. Home Depot (800/466-3337; homedepot.com).

Bathroom, page 25

Faucet Moen (800/289-6636; moen.com).

Paint (On dresser) IronClad latex low-lustre metal and wood enamel, color: OC-52 Gray Owl. (On wall) 926 Seashell. Benjamin Moore (see Dining room, Paint). **Sink** AquaSource white drop-in round bathroom sink with overflow. Lowe's (800/445-6937; lowes.com).

Painted stairs, page 26

Paints (Base color on stairs) OC-118 Snowfall White. (Runner color) OC-15 Baby Fawn. (Stripes) HC-156 Van Deusen Blue. Benjamin Moore (see Dining room, Paint). 

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FLOWER POWER

Bouquets Styled by Andy Newcom, 5534 Norwood St., Fairway, Kansas 66205.

Living room, page 52

Floor lamp 2512371 Aqua Glass. Pier 1 (800/245-4595; pier1.com). **Garden stools** 17128 Palermo. Home Decorators Collection (800/245-2217; homedecorators.com). **Pillow fabric** F2112/O2 Hiyo, color: Jade. Designers Guild (212/967-4540; designersguild.com). **Wallpaper** P540/08 Watelet, color: Turquoise. Designers Guild (see Pillow fabric).

Outdoor panels, page 53

Chair 5567-41 Host, fabric: Fiona Lemon. Lee Industries (leeindustries.com). **Wallpaper** (From top left) EB2075 Teahouse Floral. Carey Lind. York (717/846-4456; yorkwall.com). SBK25341 Large-scale roses. Seabrook (800/238-9152; seabrookwallpaper.com). AK7445 Hydrangea. RB4207 Petal Pusher. York (see Wallpaper, York). AT34155 Tuilleries. Anna French for Thibaut (800/223-0704; thibautdesign.com). 75023 Iola Rose. Harlequin (harlequin.uk.com).

Dining room, page 54

Cake stand 51133 Decor Bon Bon round, color: white. Rosanna (877/343-3779; rosannainc.com).

Chair fabric Woven ticking, color: Blue Denim. Covington (864/804-5124; covingtonfabrics.com).

Drapery fabrics Sakura, color: White Tea. Calico Corners (800/213-6366; calicocorners.com).

42325-25 Stripe, color: Chartreuse. Duralee (800/275-3872; duralee.com). **Lighting** Ivanhoe Seaside radial wave reflector porcelain pendant, color: Delphite Blue. Barn Light Electric (800/407-8784; barnlighthelectric.com). **Napkin fabrics** 42325-25 Stripe, color: Chartreuse. 42354-122 Blossom. Duralee (see Drapery fabrics). **Plates** Mallorca. Crate and Barrel (800/967-6696; crateandbarrel.com). **Tablecloth fabric** 42338-122 Blossom. Duralee (see Drapery fabrics). **Wall paint** SW0013 Majolica Green. Sherwin-Williams (800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com).

Clothesline, page 55

Fabrics (From left) F1840/01 Amrapali, color: Peony. Designers Guild (see Living room, Pillow fabric). Pink Peonies by Helen Klebesadel, fabric: organic cotton sateen. Spoonflower (919/886-7885; spoonflower.com). PWJD090 Hydrangea, color: Sage. Birch Farm Collection. Joel Dewberry (435/730-2399; joeldewberry.com). FO366 Wild Flowers by Clarke and Clarke, color: Heather. Duralee (see Dining room, Drapery fabrics).

Product roundup, page 56

Chair Paradise Fields. Cath Kidston (877/259-8559; cathkidston.com). **Hardware** Lenten Rose. Anthropologie (800/309-2500; anthropologie.com). **Wallpaper** 17869 Isabelle Blue. Graham and Brown (800/554-0887; grahambrown.com).

Pillows (From left) Aqua Merino. Old Made New (oldmadenew.org). SARO1182 Flower. Saro for Wayfair (877/929-3247; wayfair.com). **Lamp** Seedling by Thomas Paul Aviary White table lamp. Lamps Plus (800/782-1967; lampsplus.com).

Plates (On wall) Rose Melamine. John Derian (800/677-3207; johnderian.com). **Platters** Mallorca. Crate and Barrel (see Dining room, Plates).

Floral arrangement, page 57

Fabric (On wall) 42339, color: Lavender. Duralee (see Dining room, Drapery fabrics). **Wallpaper** (Runner) SBK23314 Gloucester. Seabrook (see Outdoor panels, Wallpaper). 



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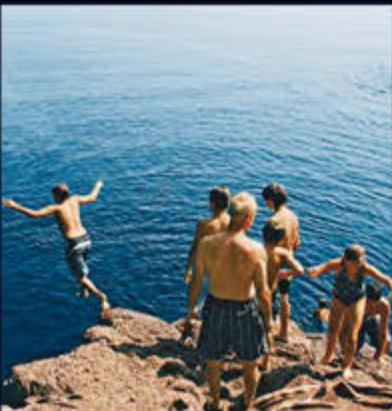
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